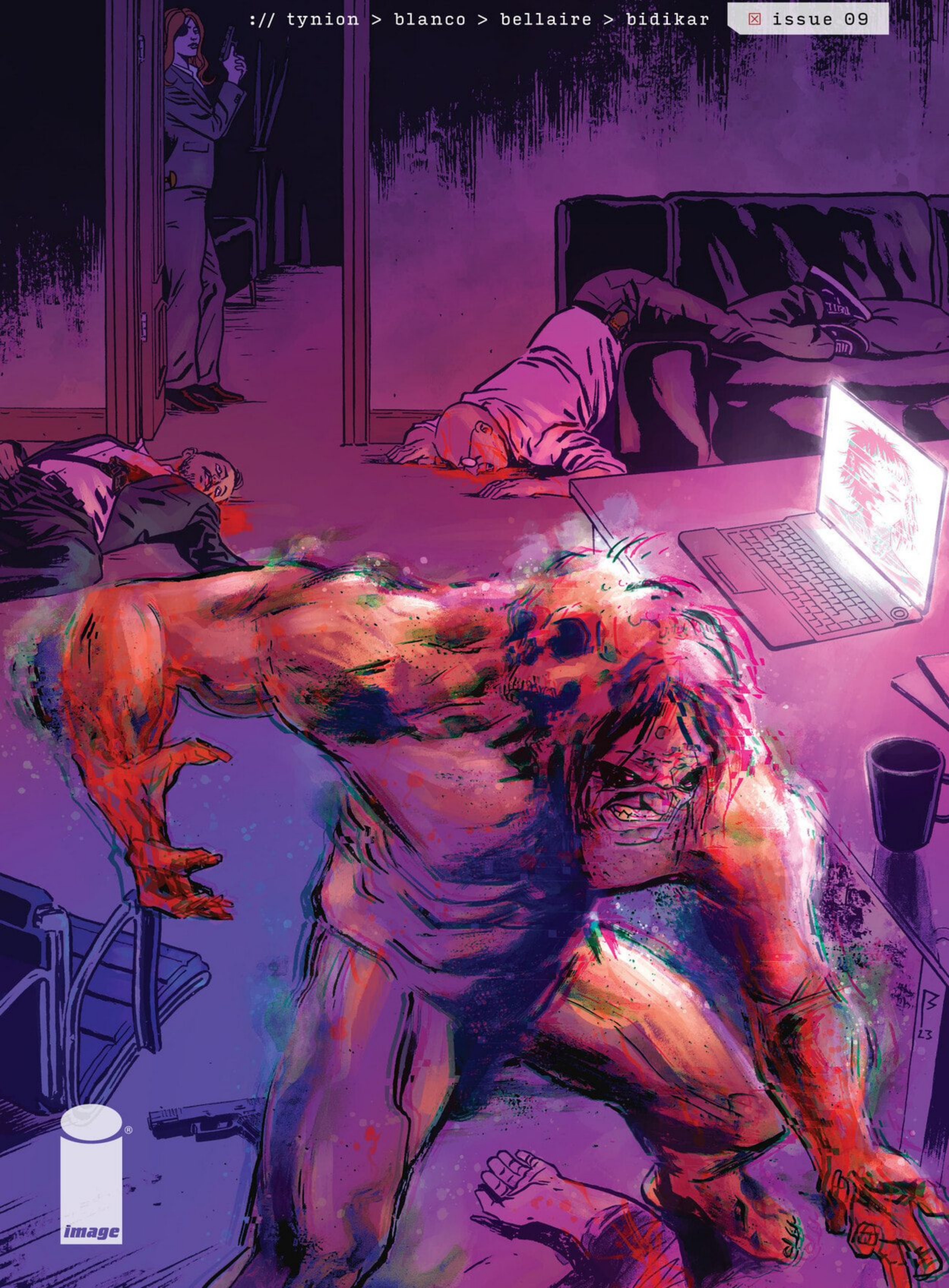


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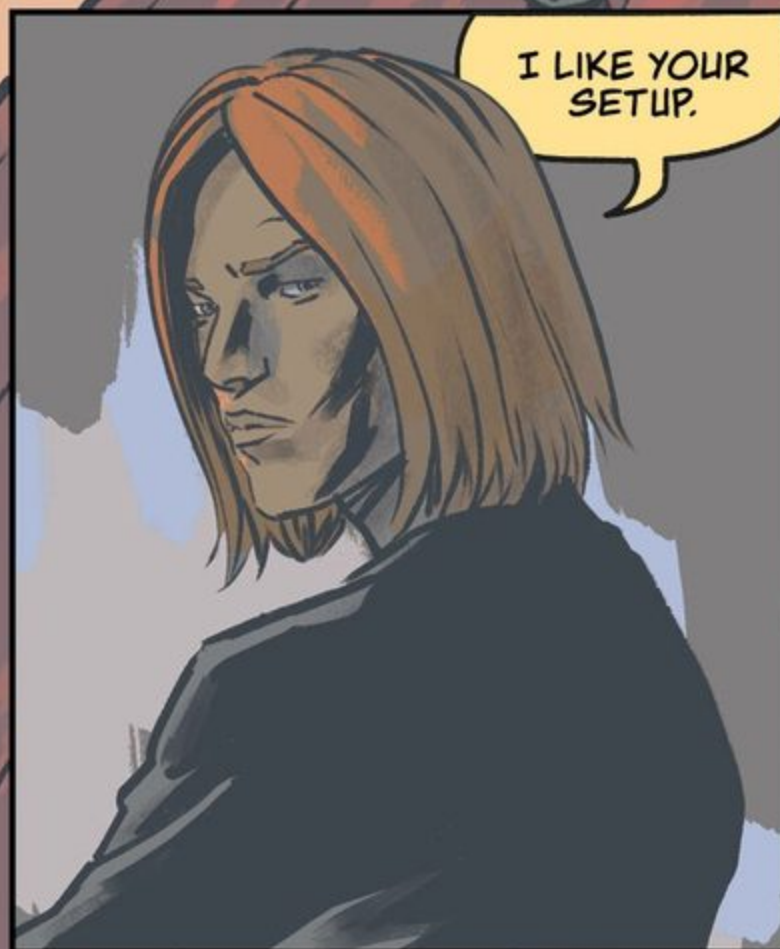
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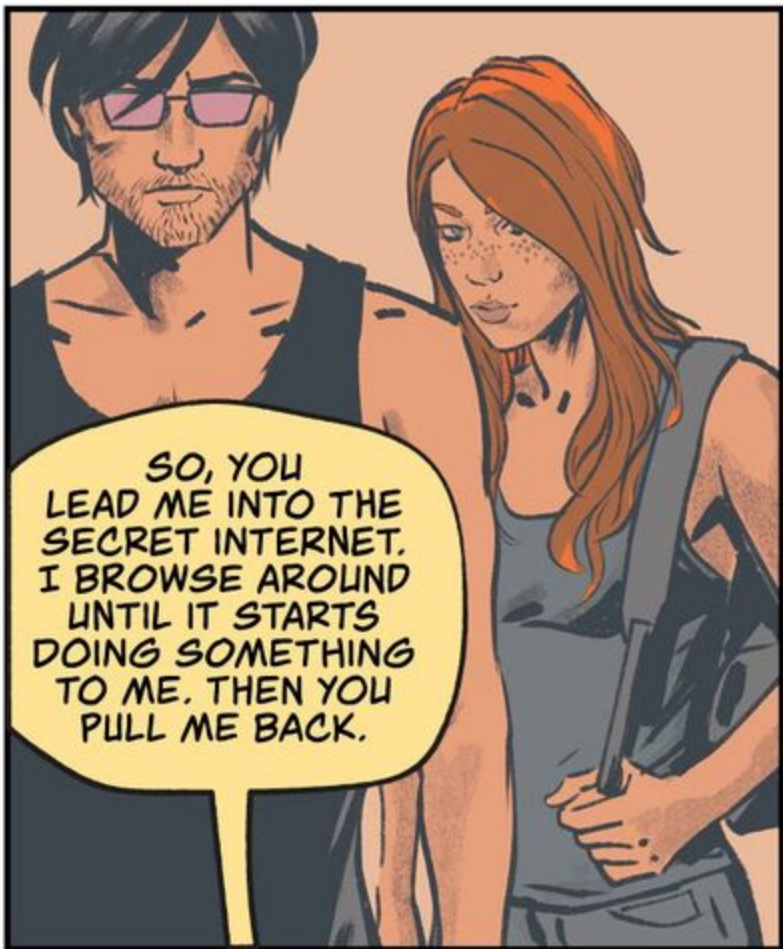
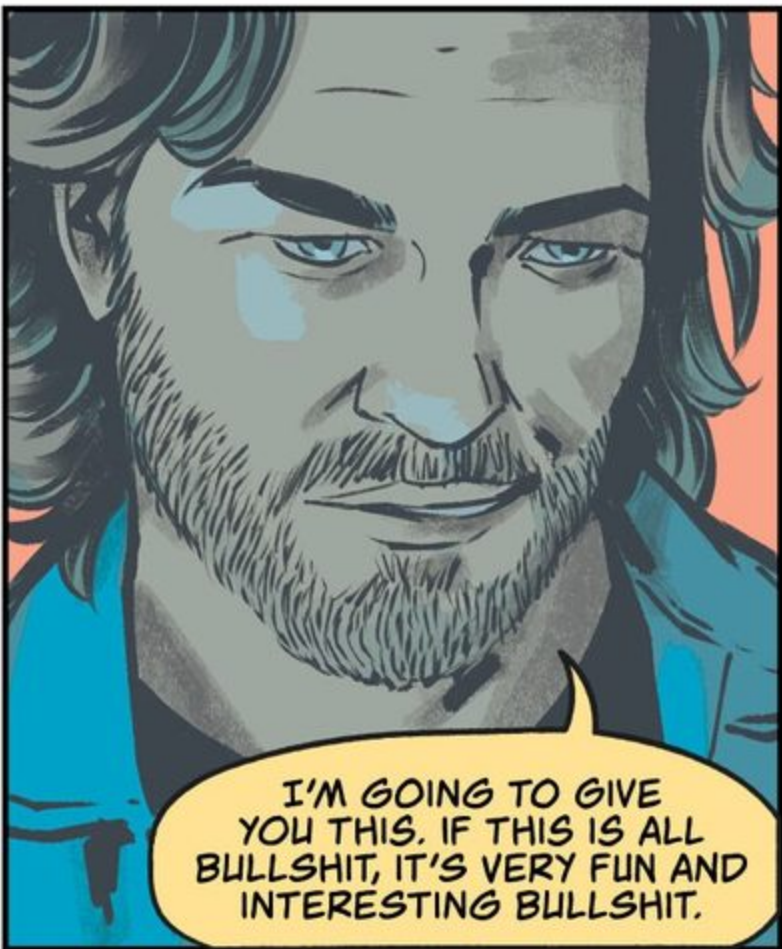
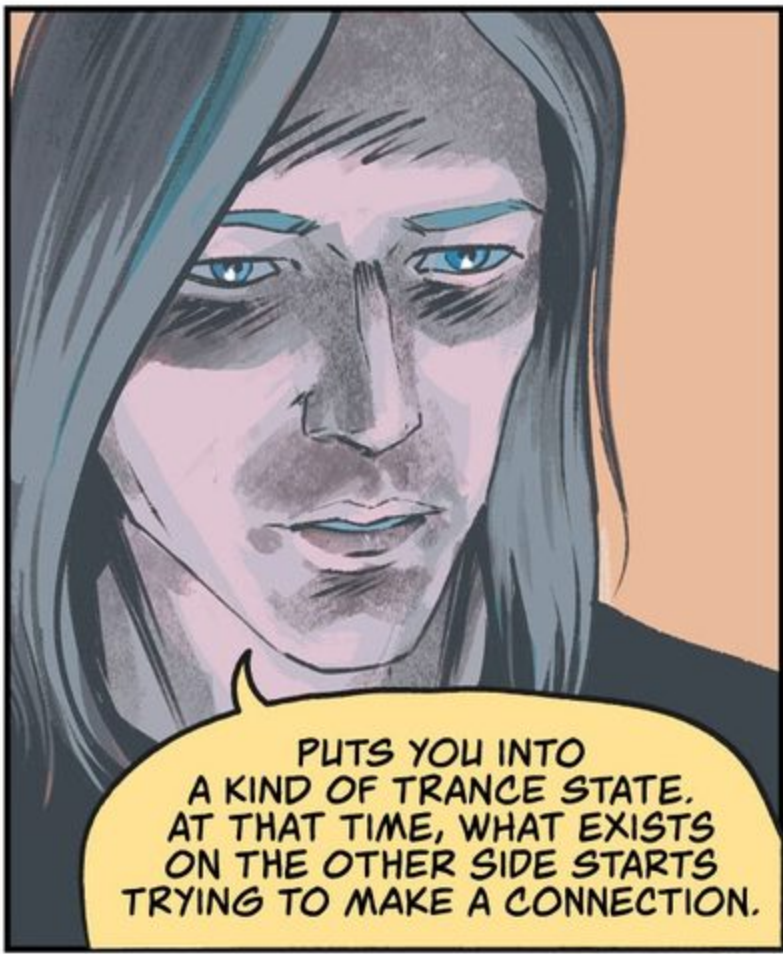
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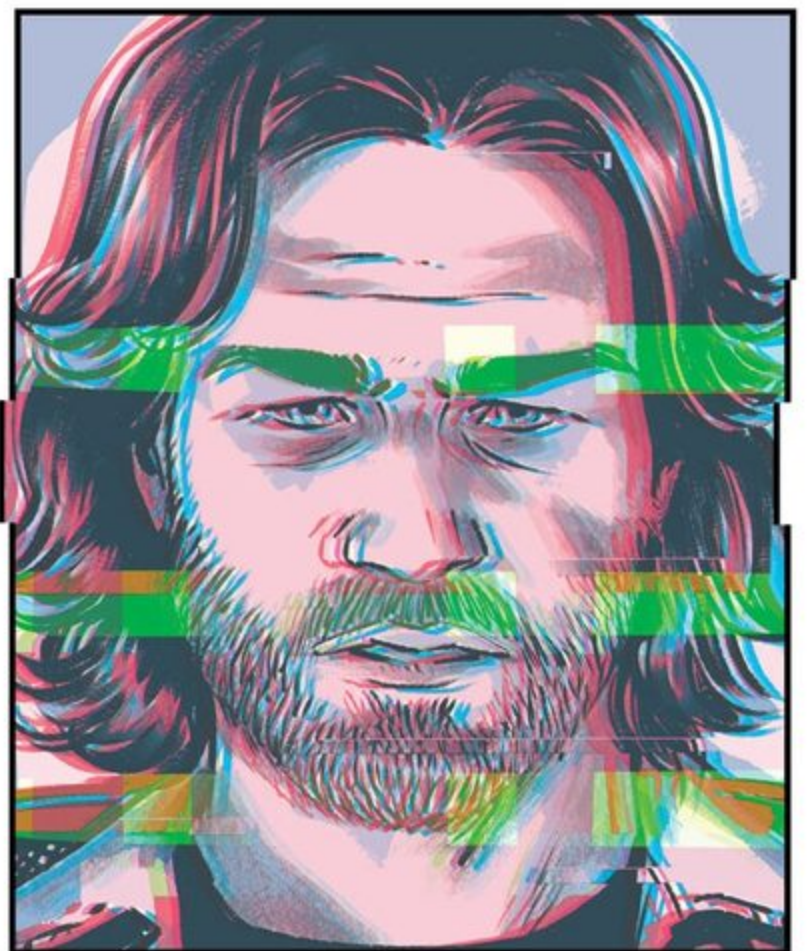
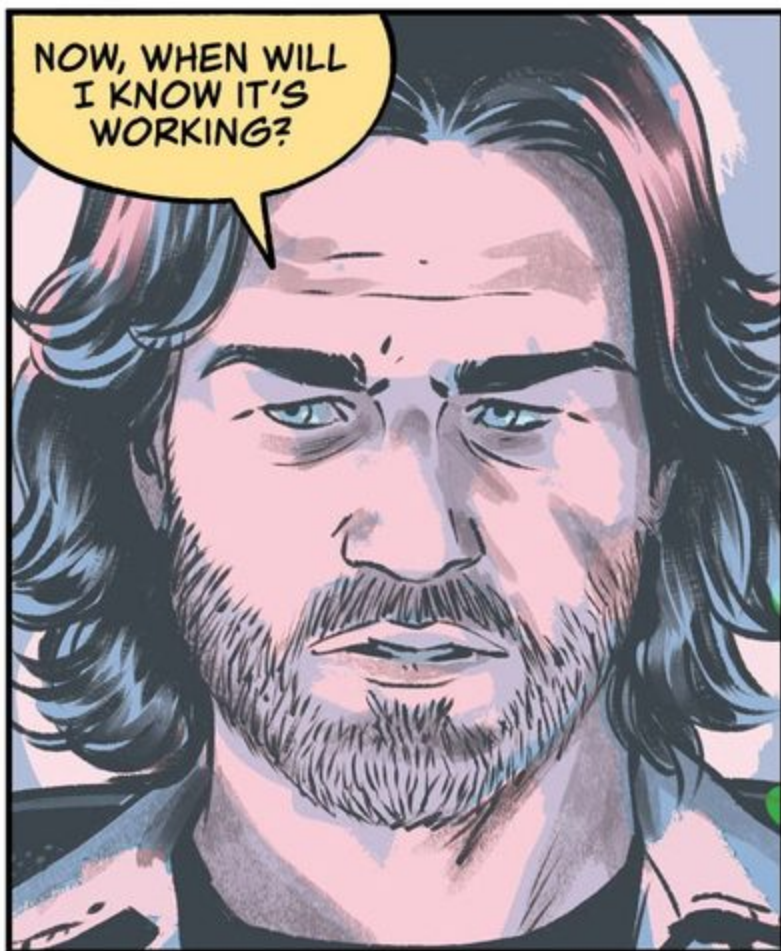
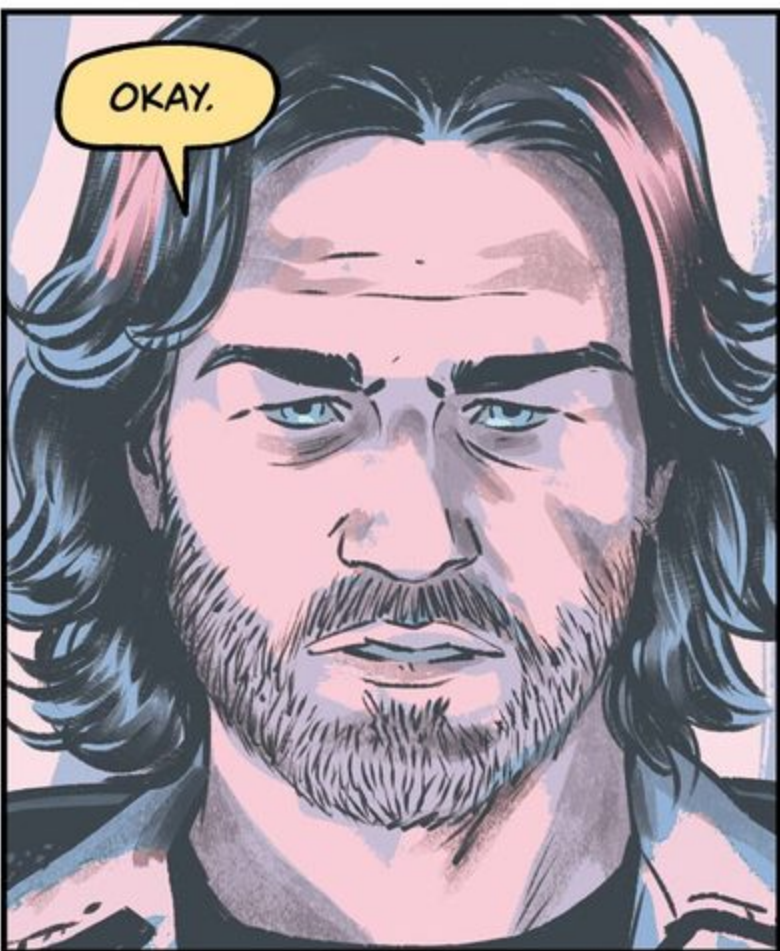
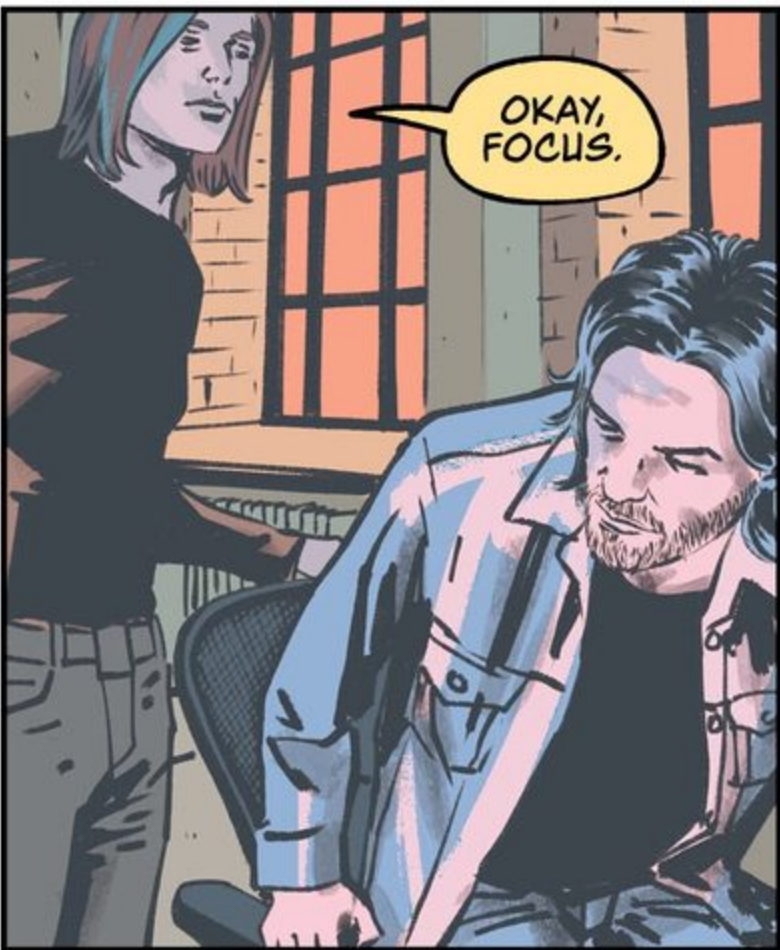


I WANT
TO WARN YOU
THAT THIS IS
DANGEROUS.











THIS IS
ALL...VERY
DIFFICULT TO
DESCRIBE.



IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT
TO DESCRIBE THE MINUTE
AFTER IT HAPPENED, BUT IT'S
BEEN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
SINCE I'VE SEEN THE
UNDERNET.



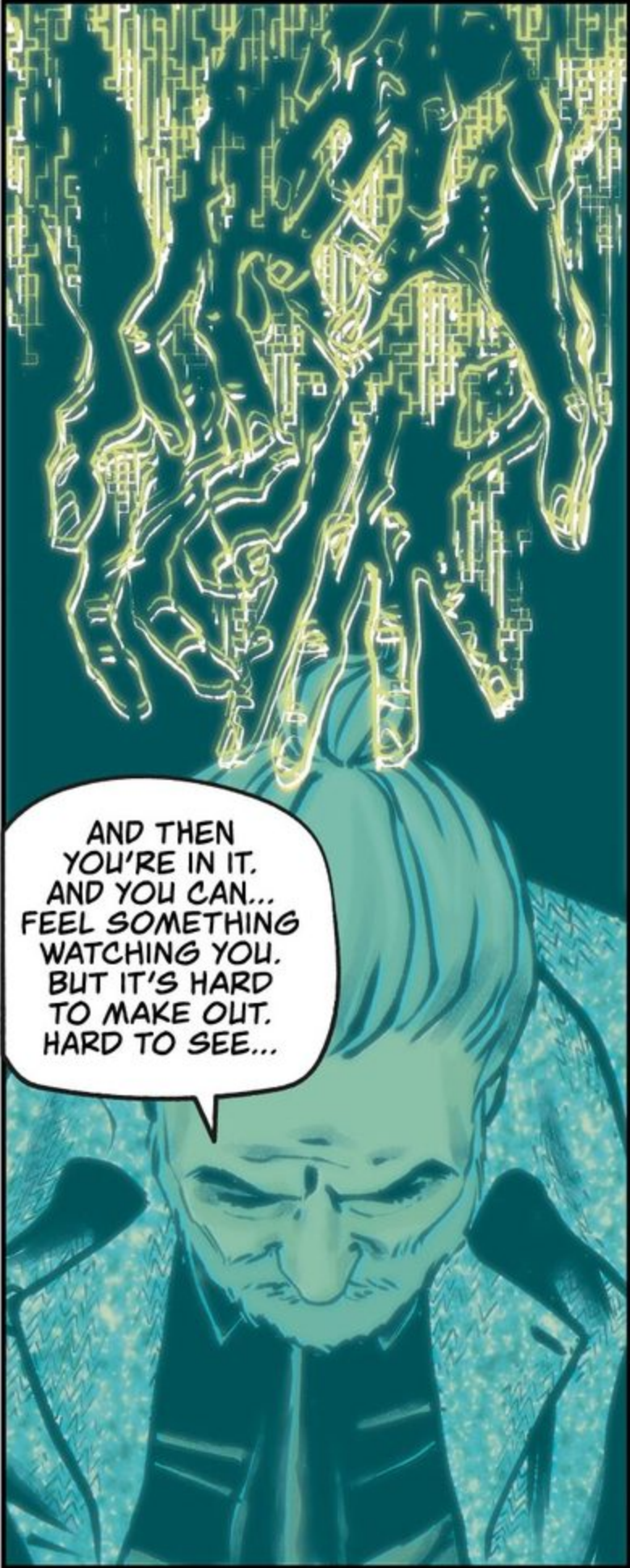
AT FIRST,
YOU'RE JUST LOOKING
AT A PICTURE ON A WEBSITE.
BUT THEN SOMETHING DEEP
IN YOU RECOGNIZES THAT
WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING
AT IS WRONG.



AND THEN YOU
GET SCARED, BECAUSE
SUDDENLY YOU CAN'T
LOOK AWAY. AND IT FEELS
LIKE YOU'RE FALLING
INTO THE PICTURE.



BUT IT'S
NOT A PICTURE
ANYMORE. IT'S
THE WORLD
YOU'RE FALLING
OUT OF.



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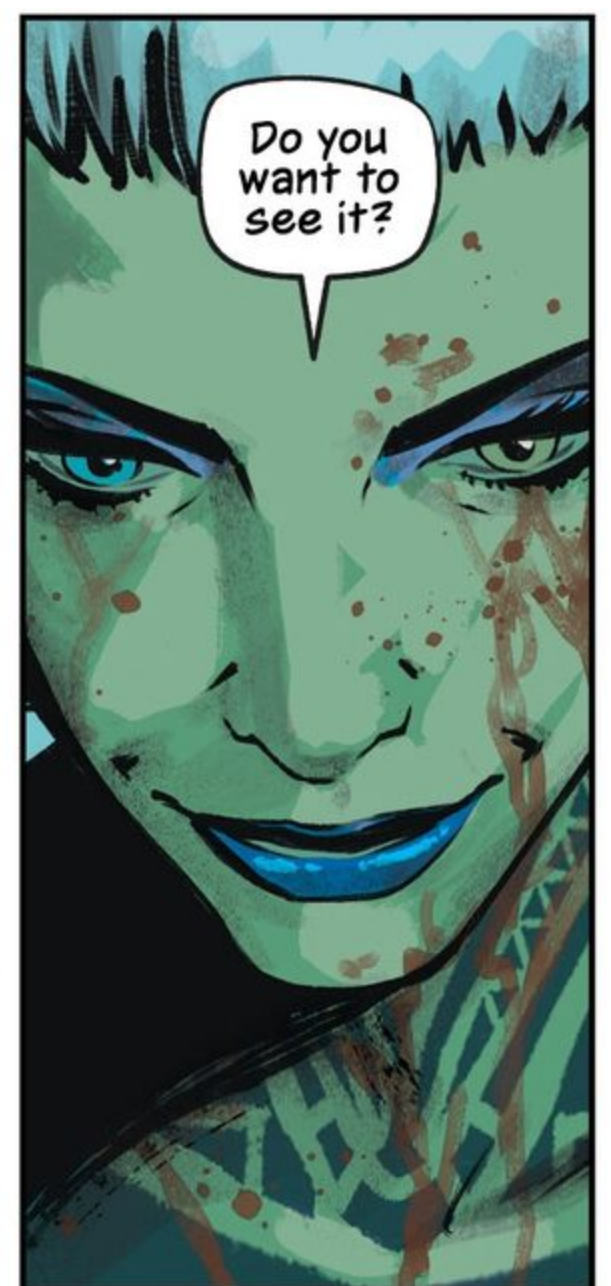
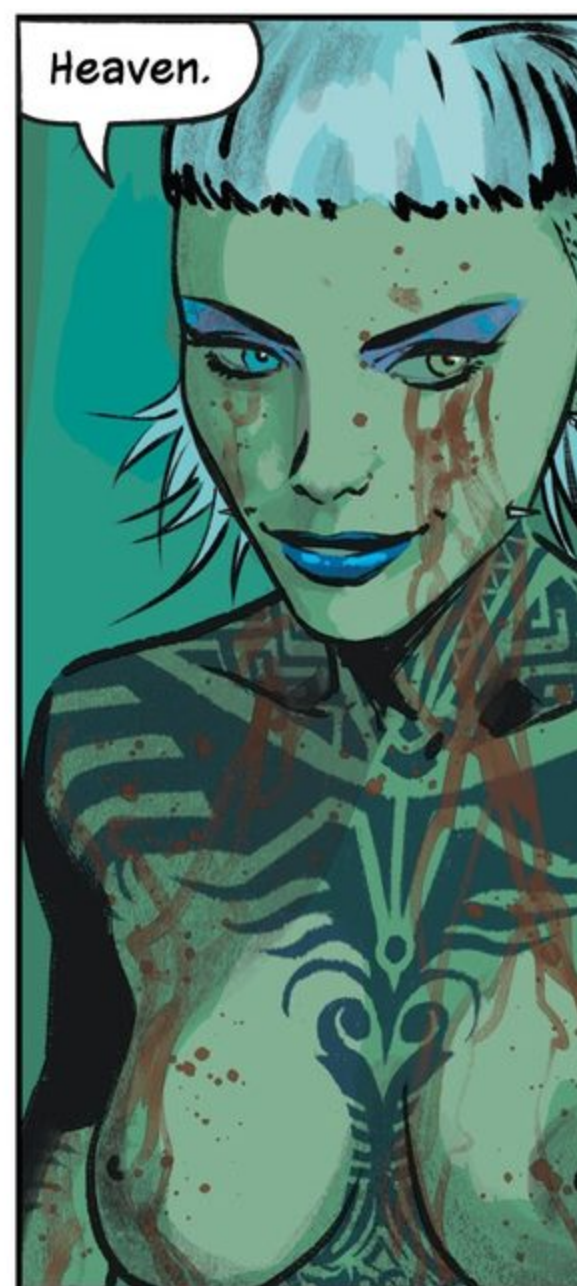
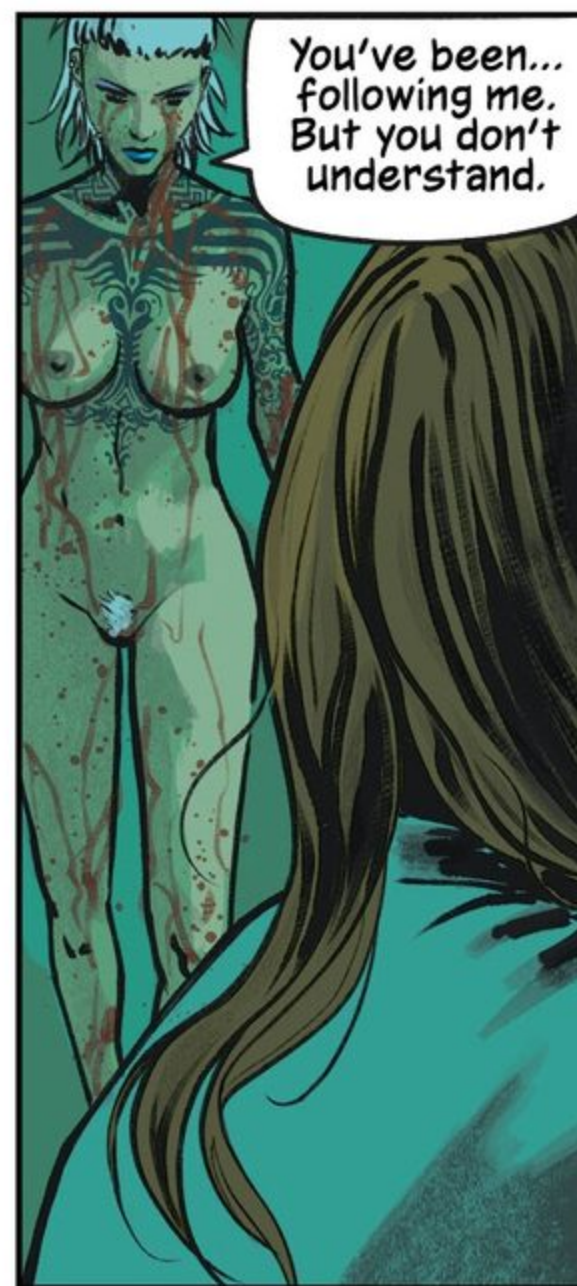
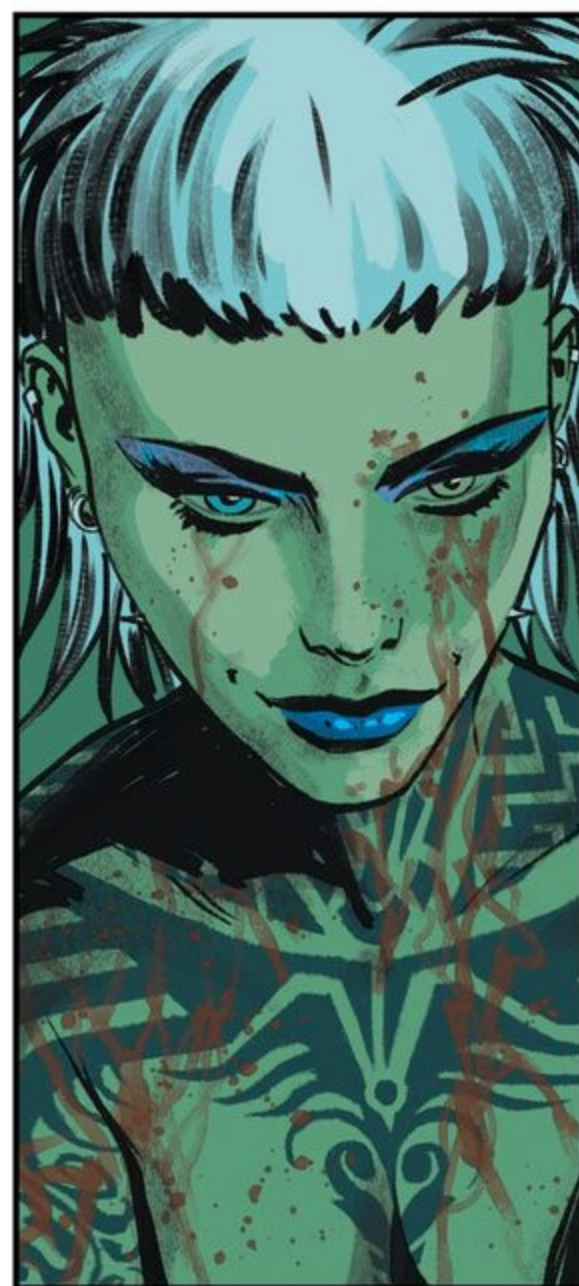
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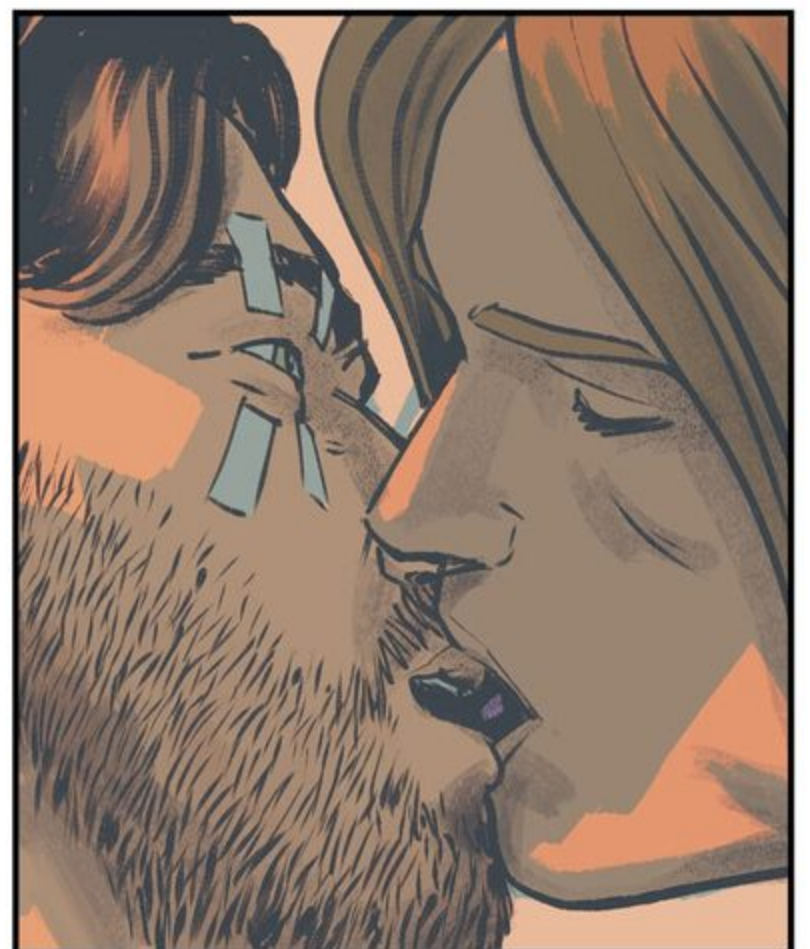
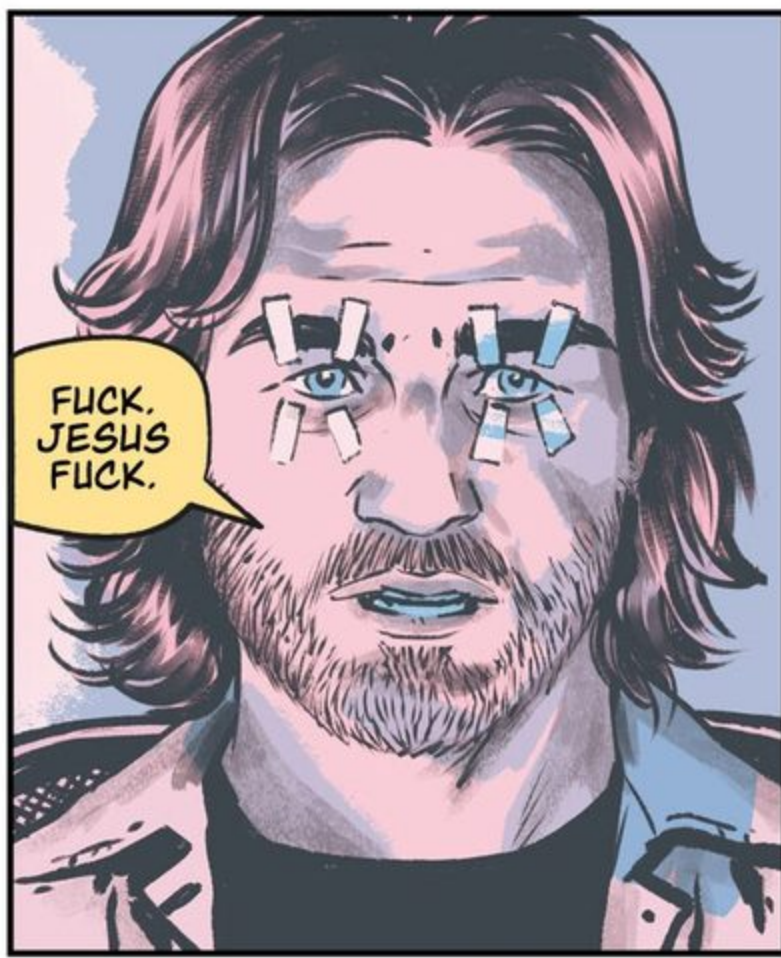


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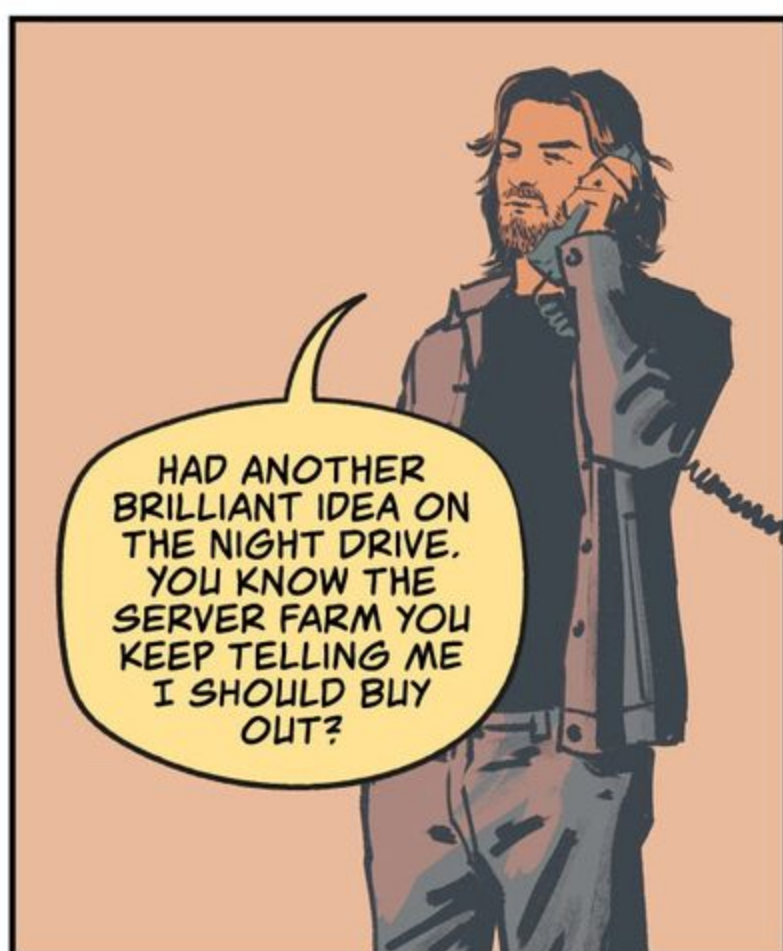
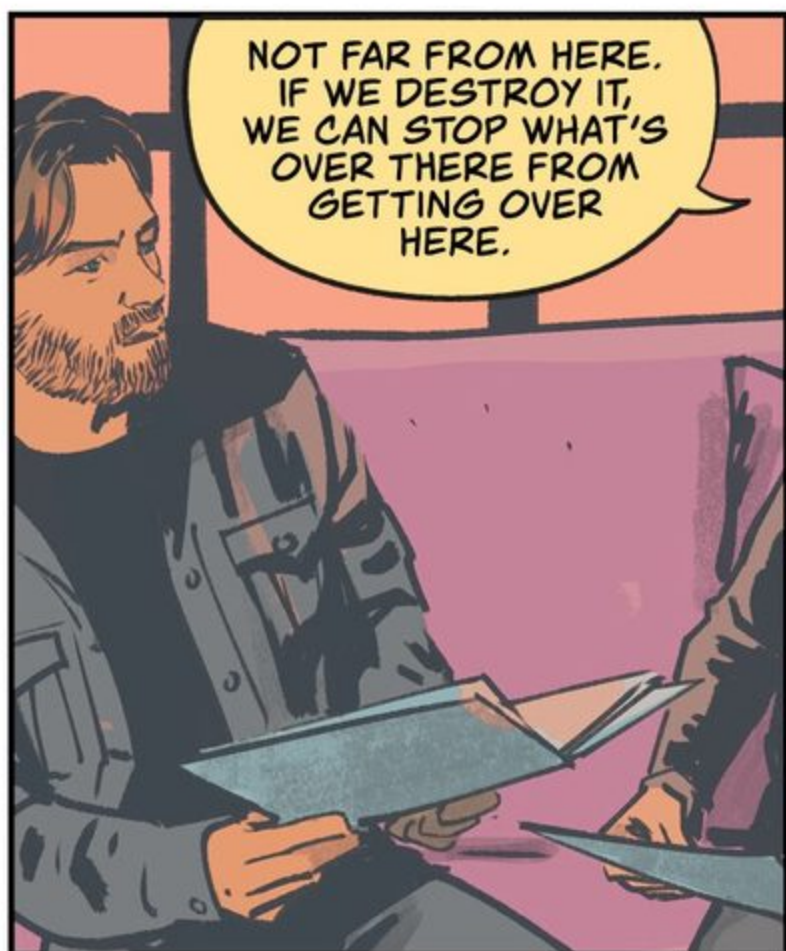
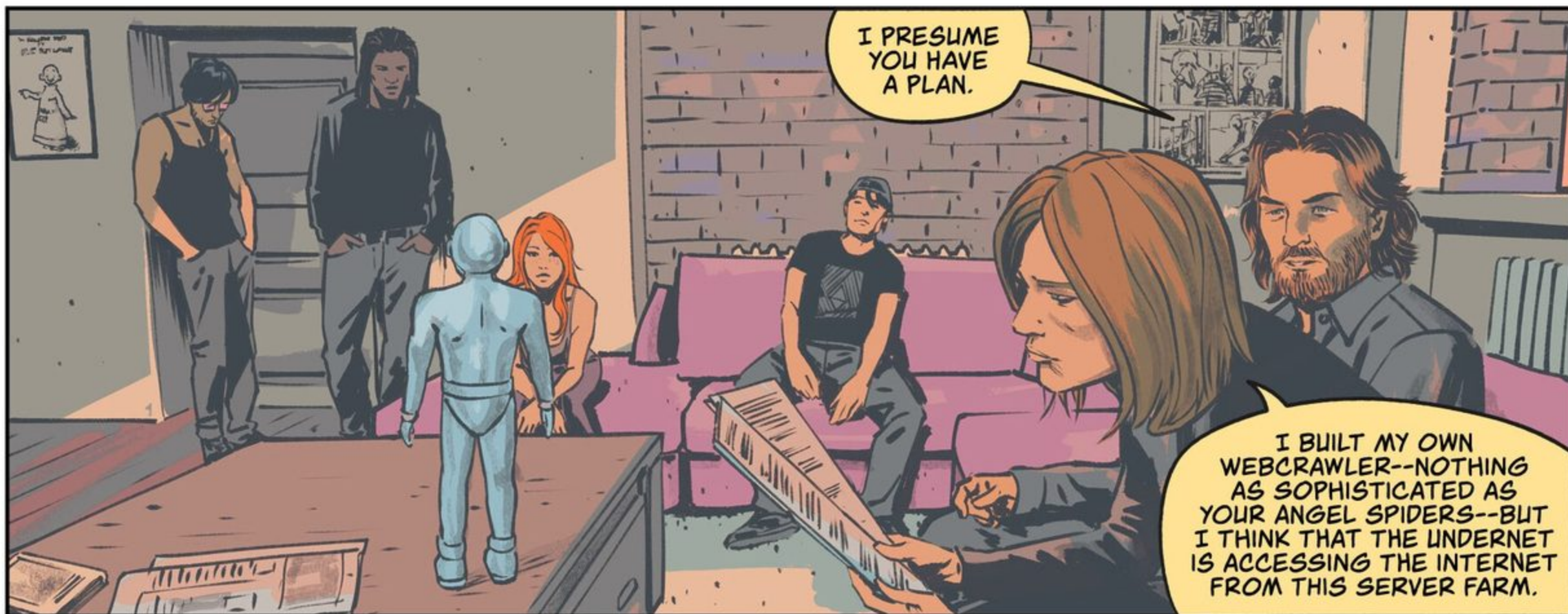


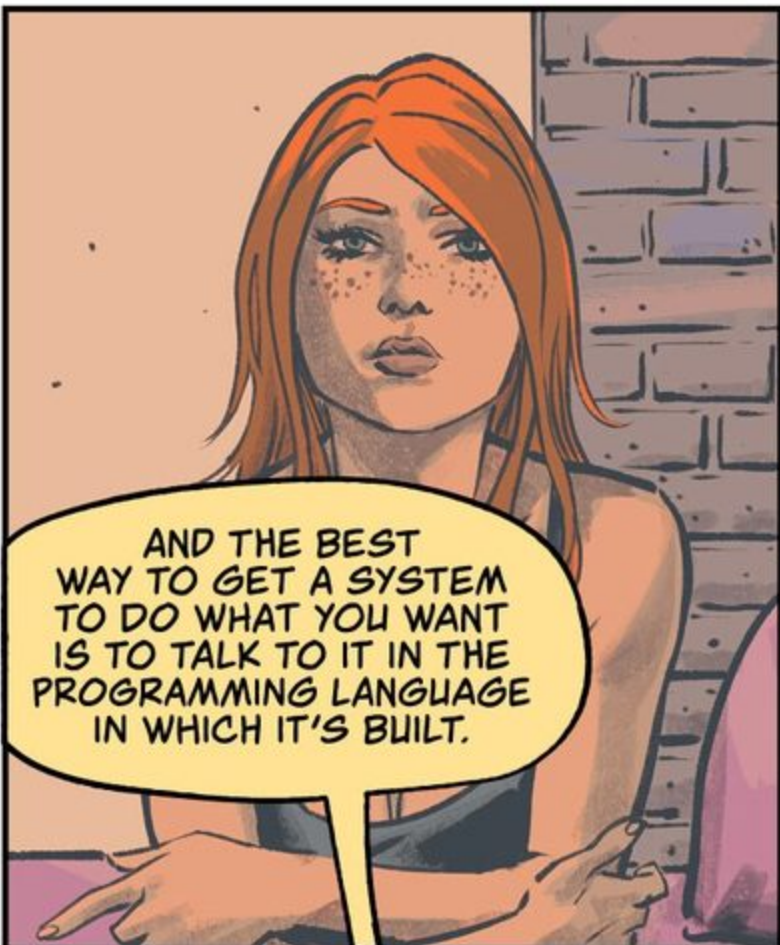
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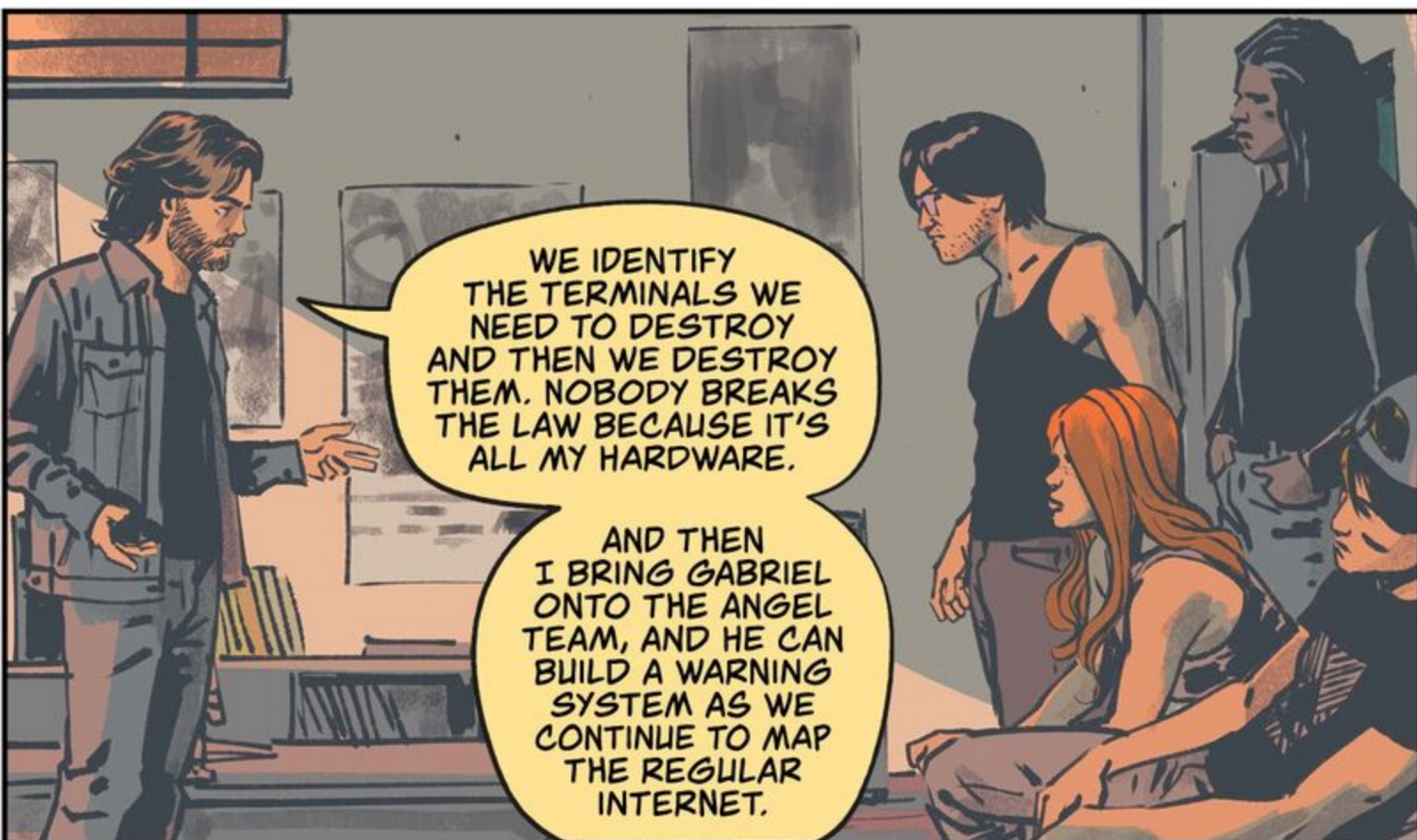
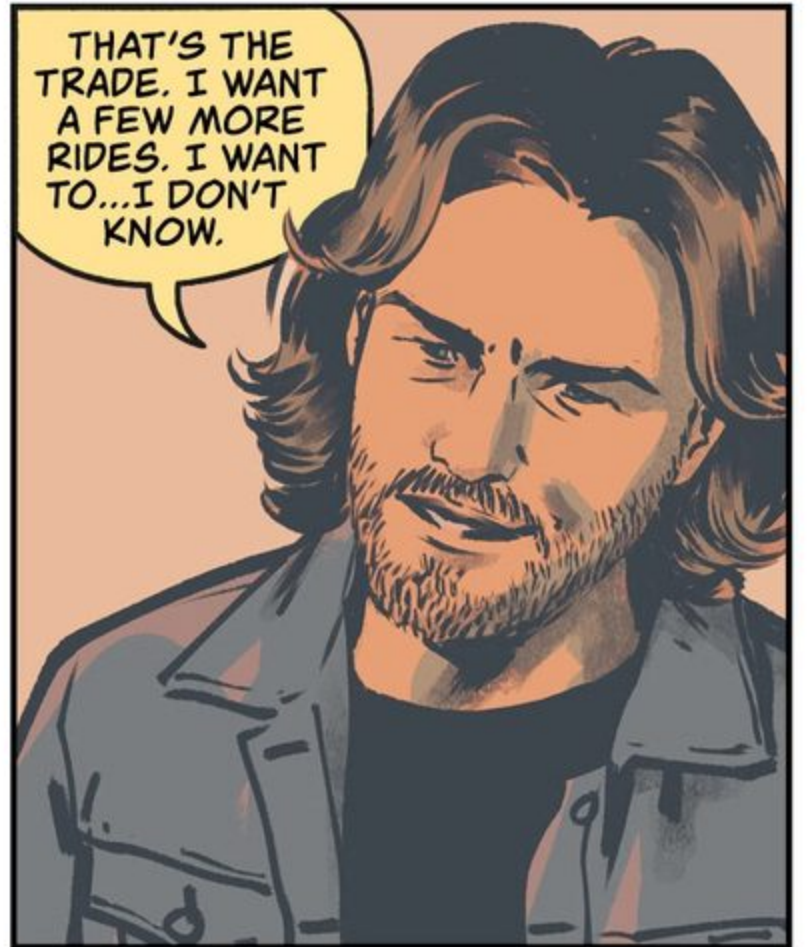
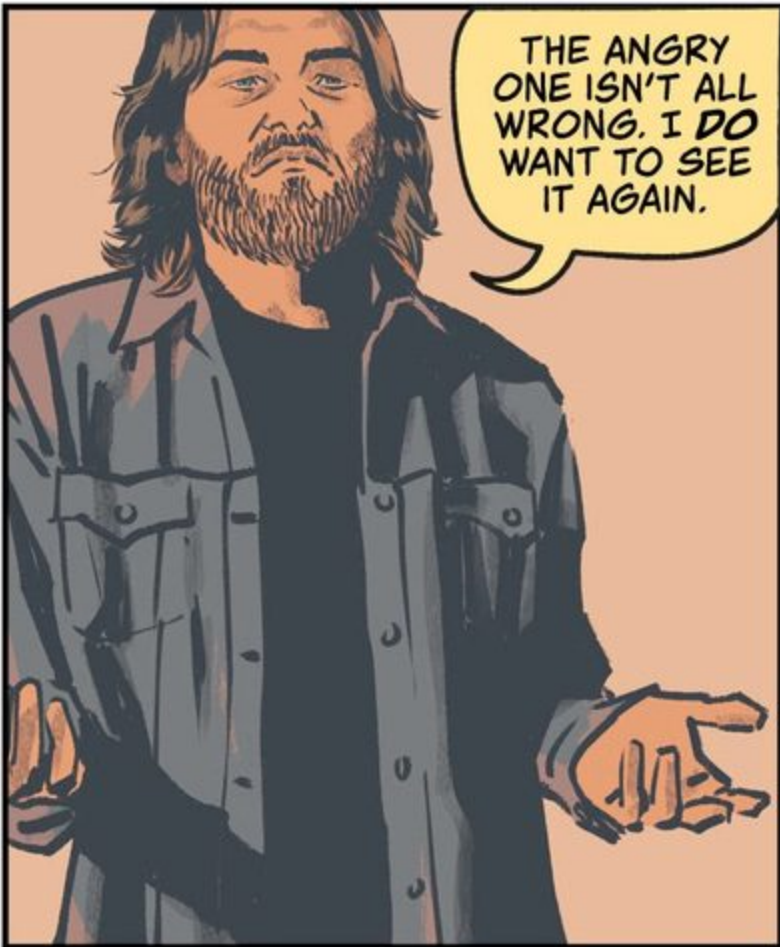


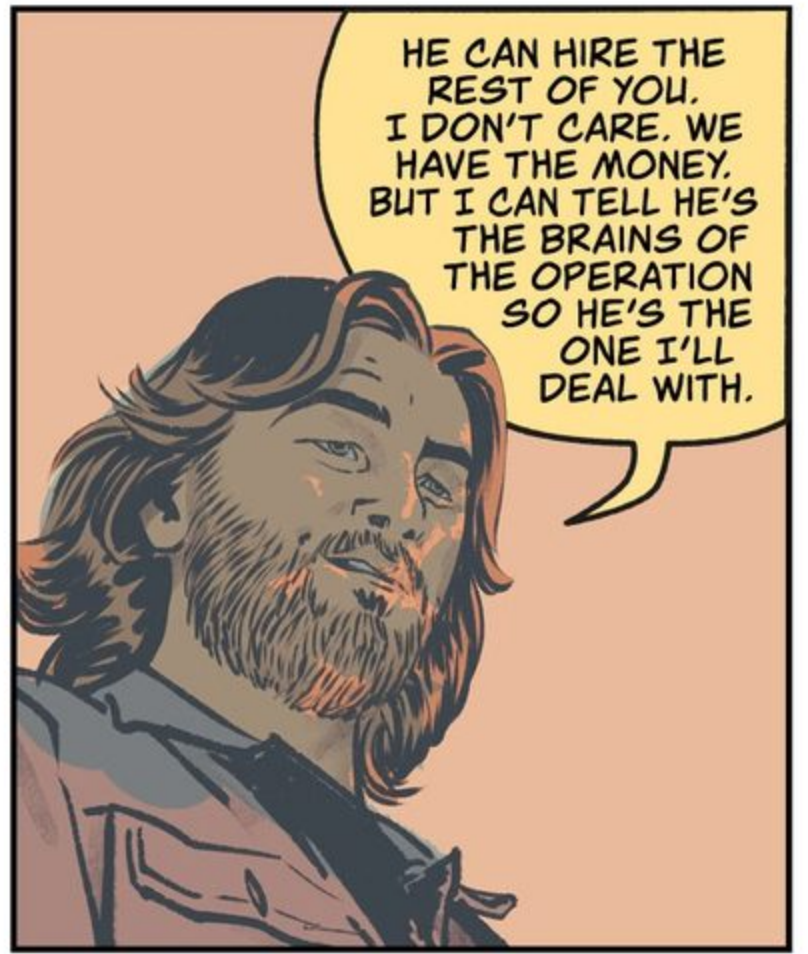








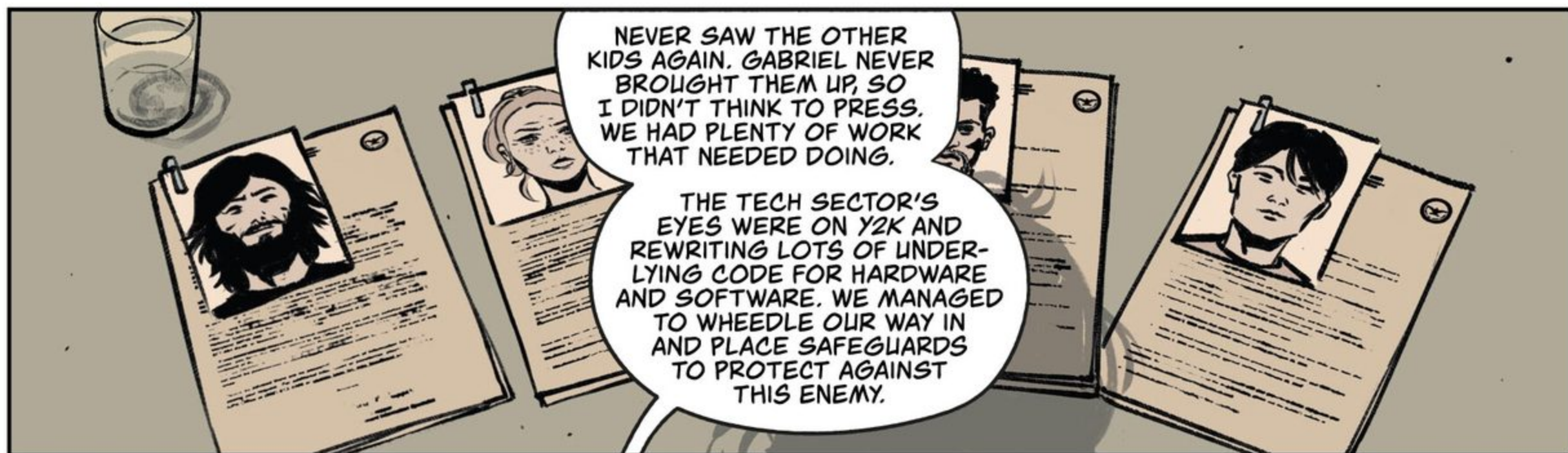






I WASN'T THERE THE NIGHT THEY CLOSED THE DOOR. I JUST MADE SURE THE STAFF WAS OUT OF THE BUILDING.

THAT NIGHT COST ME A FEW MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH HURT MORE THEN THAN IT WOULD NOW.



NEVER SAW THE OTHER KIDS AGAIN. GABRIEL NEVER BROUGHT THEM UP, SO I DIDN'T THINK TO PRESS. WE HAD PLENTY OF WORK THAT NEEDED DOING.

THE TECH SECTOR'S EYES WERE ON Y2K AND REWRITING LOTS OF UNDERLYING CODE FOR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. WE MANAGED TO WHEELDE OUR WAY IN AND PLACE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT AGAINST THIS ENEMY.



AFTER A YEAR OR SO, I STOPPED THINKING MUCH ABOUT THE UNDERNET, AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. PRESUMABLY, GABRIEL DID NOT.

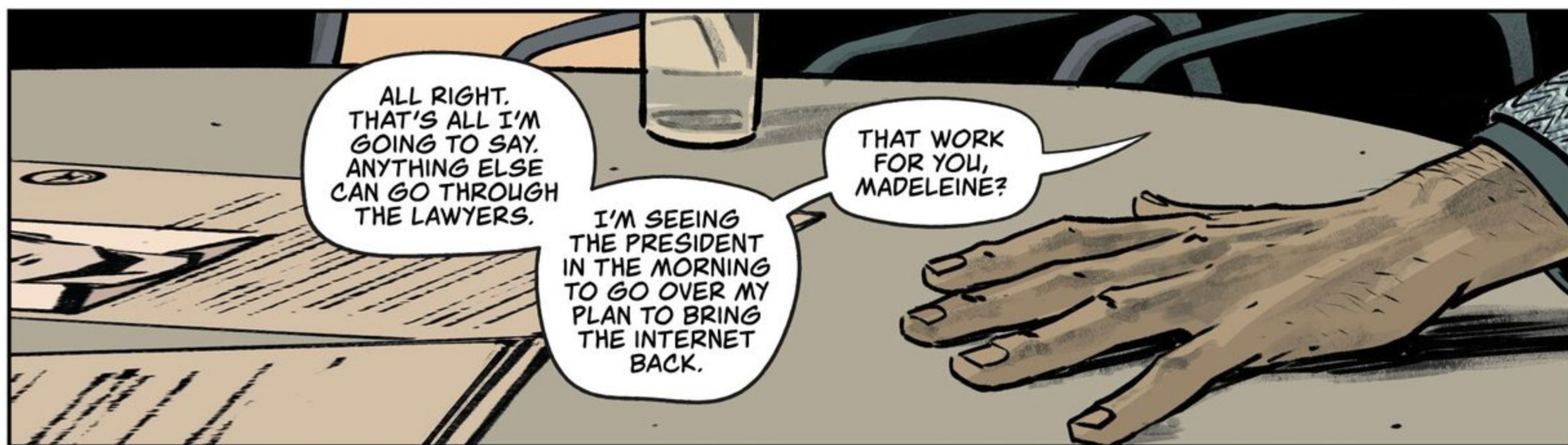
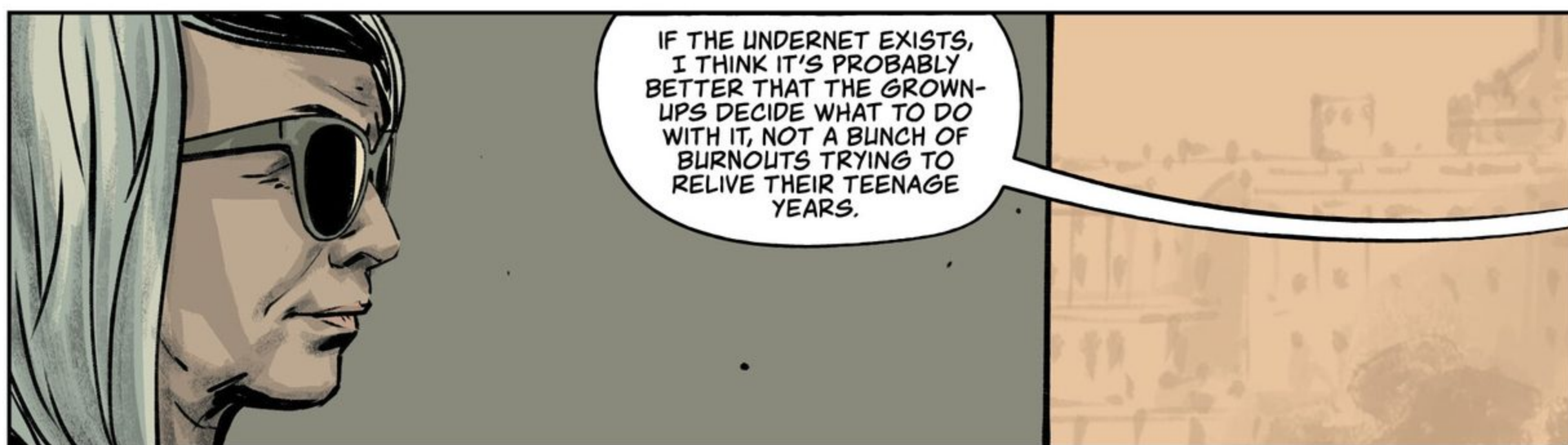
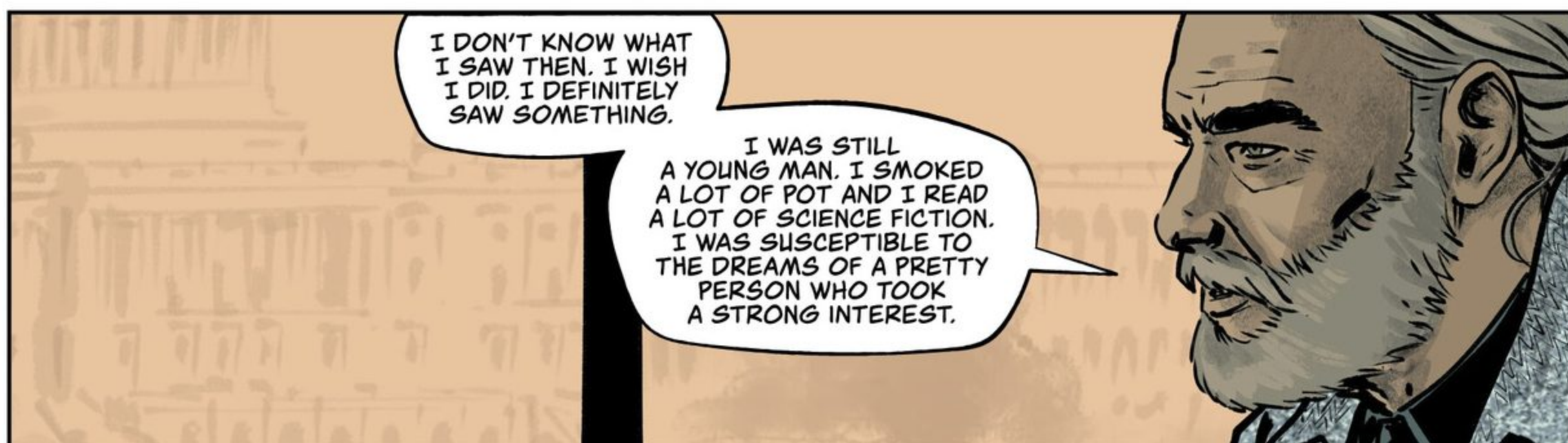


I REGRET THAT HE WAS ABLE TO DO SO MUCH DAMAGE WHILE WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER ME.



WHICH IS WHY I AM PREPARED TO HELP COVER THE COSTS OF GETTING THE ENTIRE INTERNET BACK ONLINE...

...AS LONG AS I AM NOT HELD CULPABLE FOR THE ORIGINAL ATTACKS.





IT'S MEME SHIT. IT'S A DARK-WEB SNUFF-FILM SITE WHERE SHITHEAD TEENAGERS GO TO WATCH YOU KILL PEOPLE.

What do you know about the Undernet?

You really still think that?

YOU'VE DRUGGED ME OR SOMETHING TO MAKE ME BELIEVE IN THIS CREEPY PASTA SHIT. TO SEE STUFF THAT ISN'T REAL. TO BELIEVE IT CHANGES YOU.

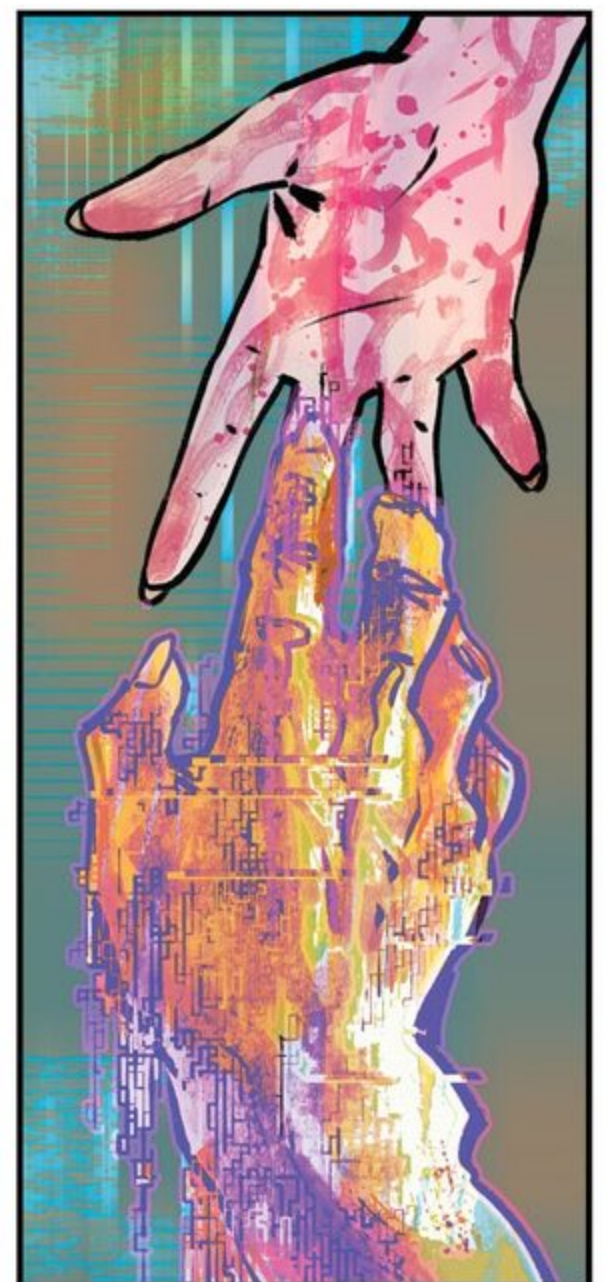
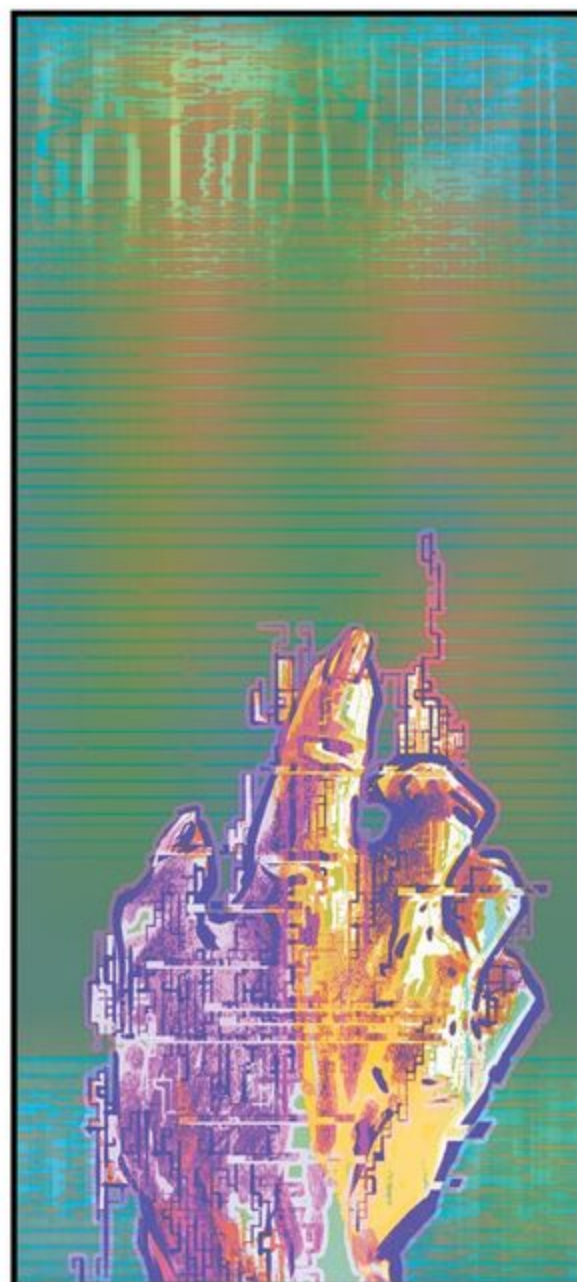
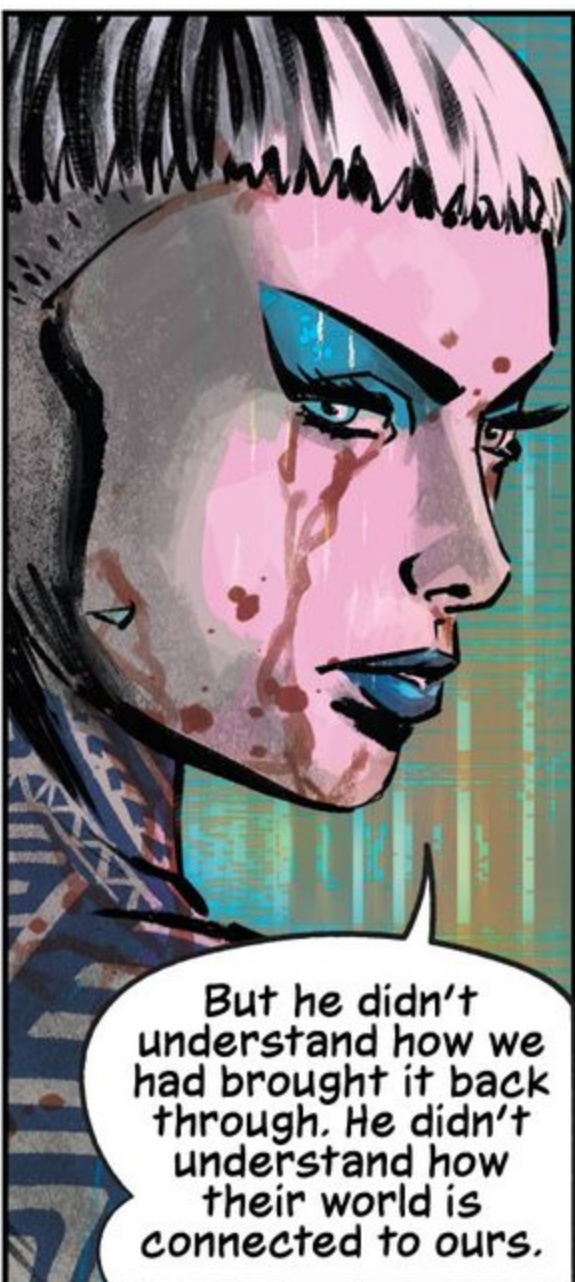
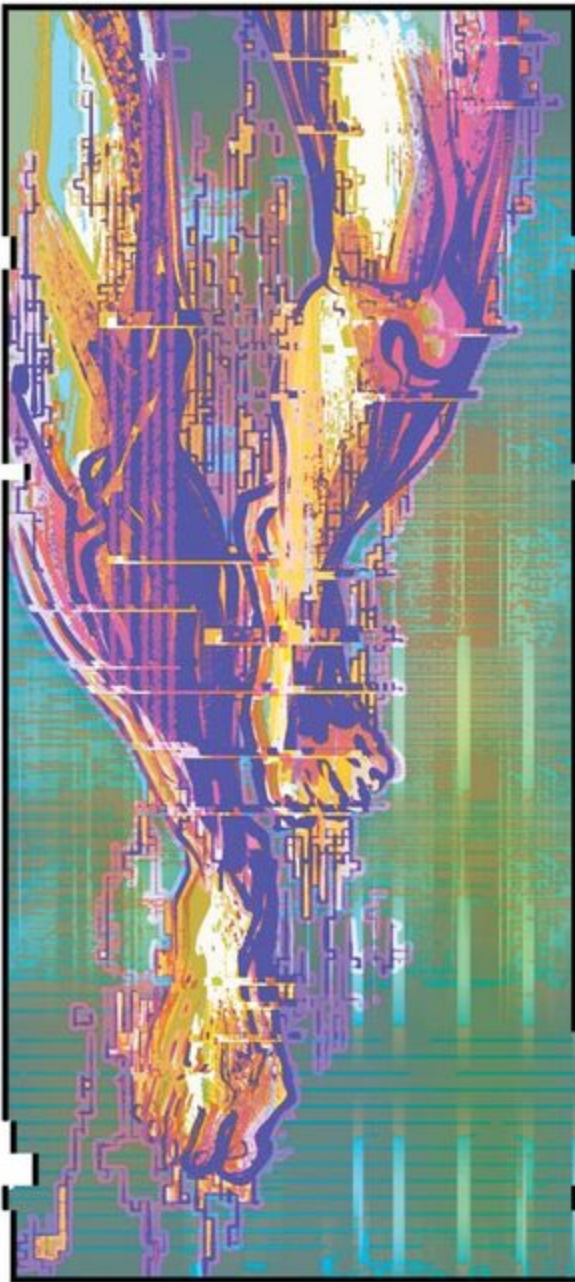
You think it's a little story around the camp-fire.

It would be nice for you if that's all it was. The world would be...neater.

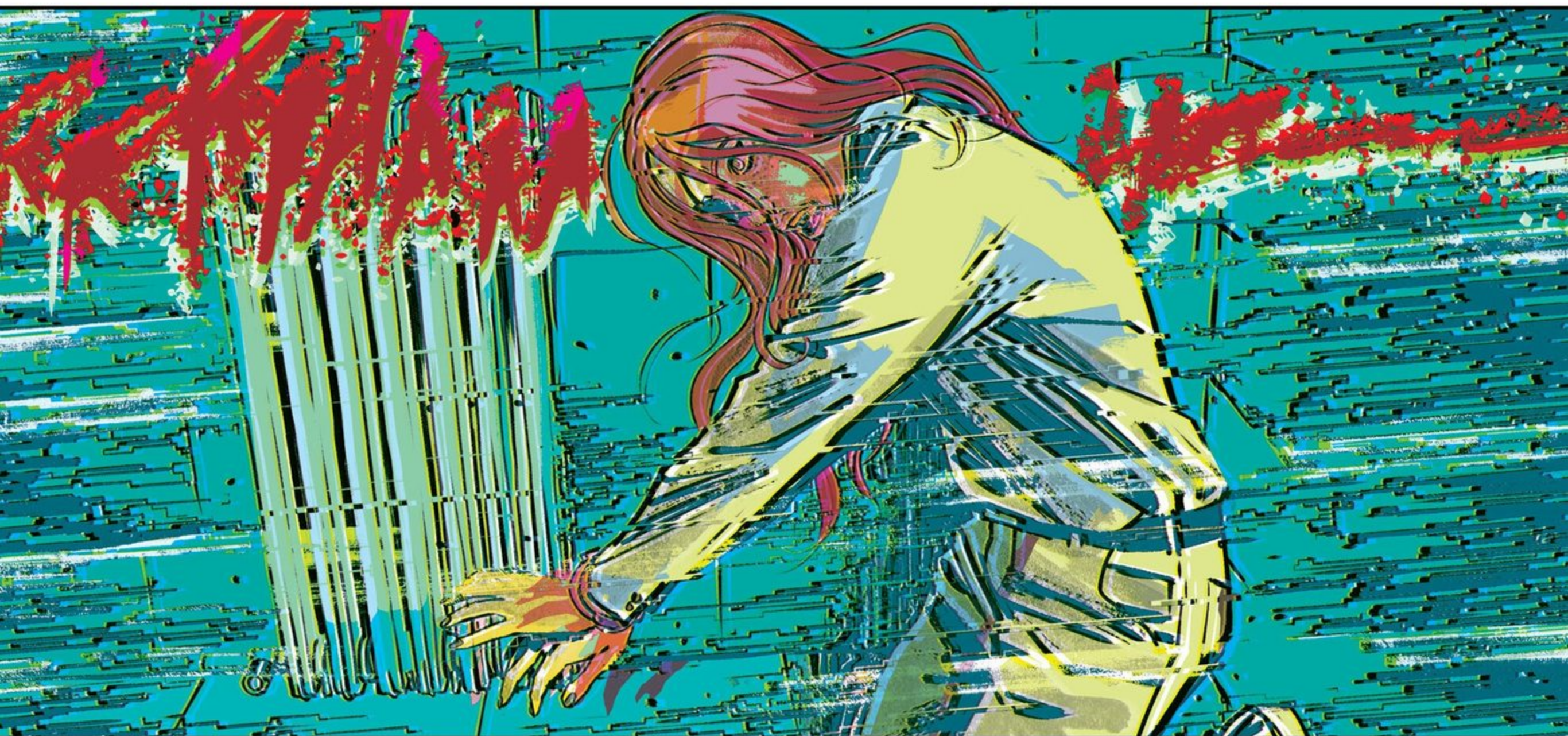
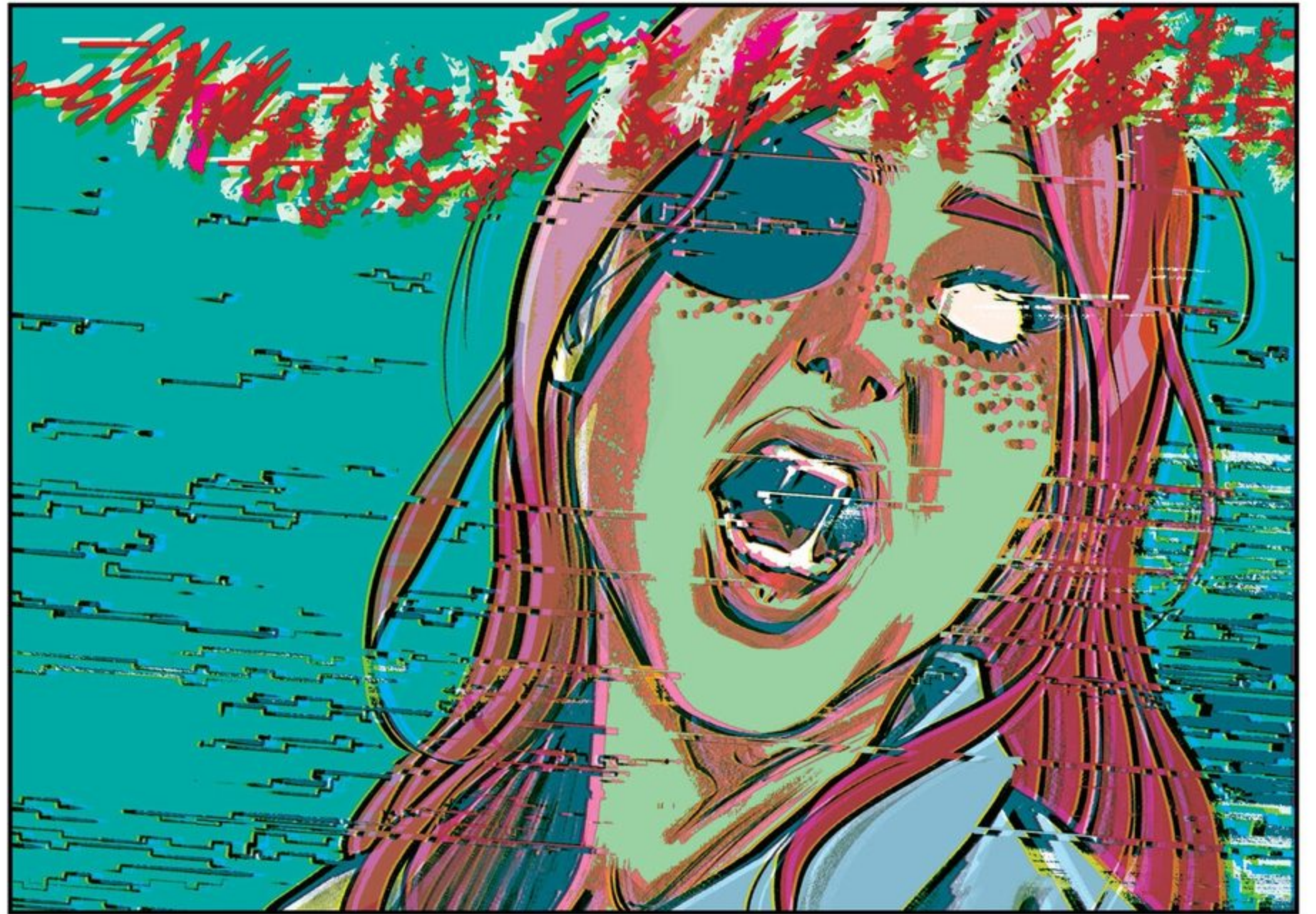
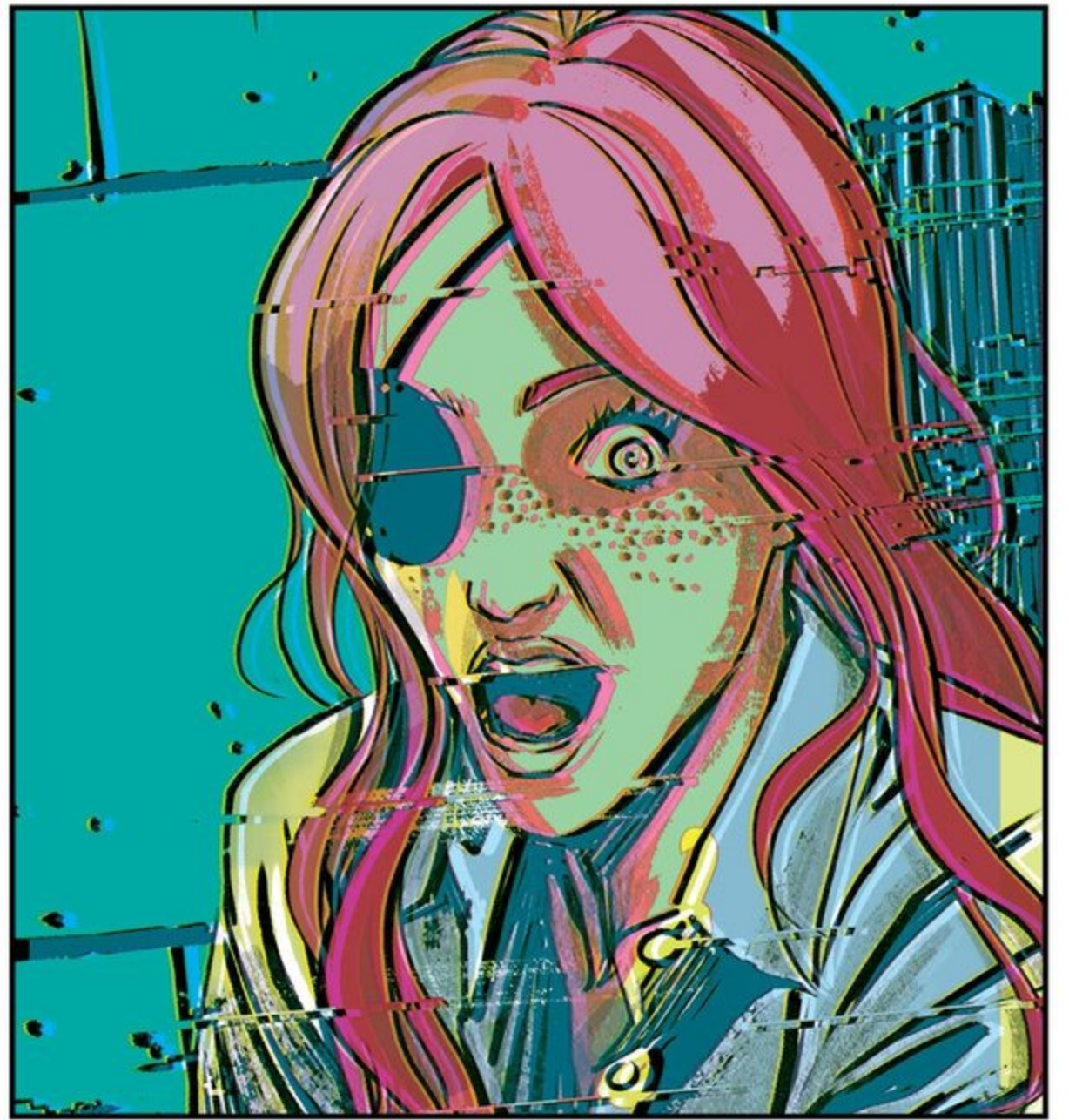
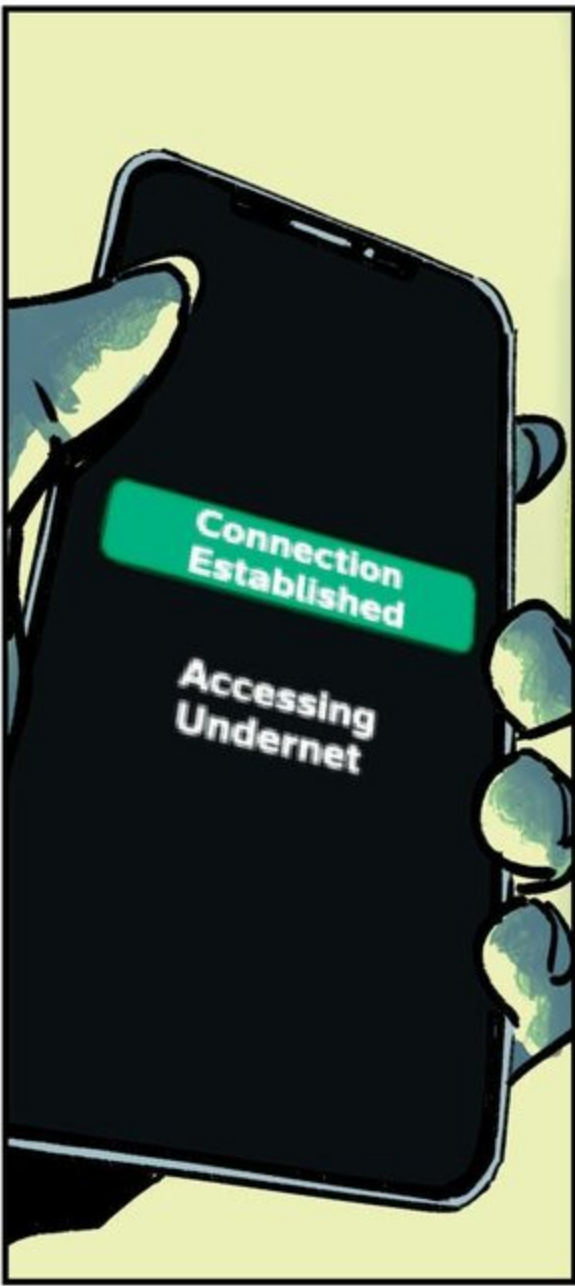
I want you to see it. So you understand that we are doing something good for the world.

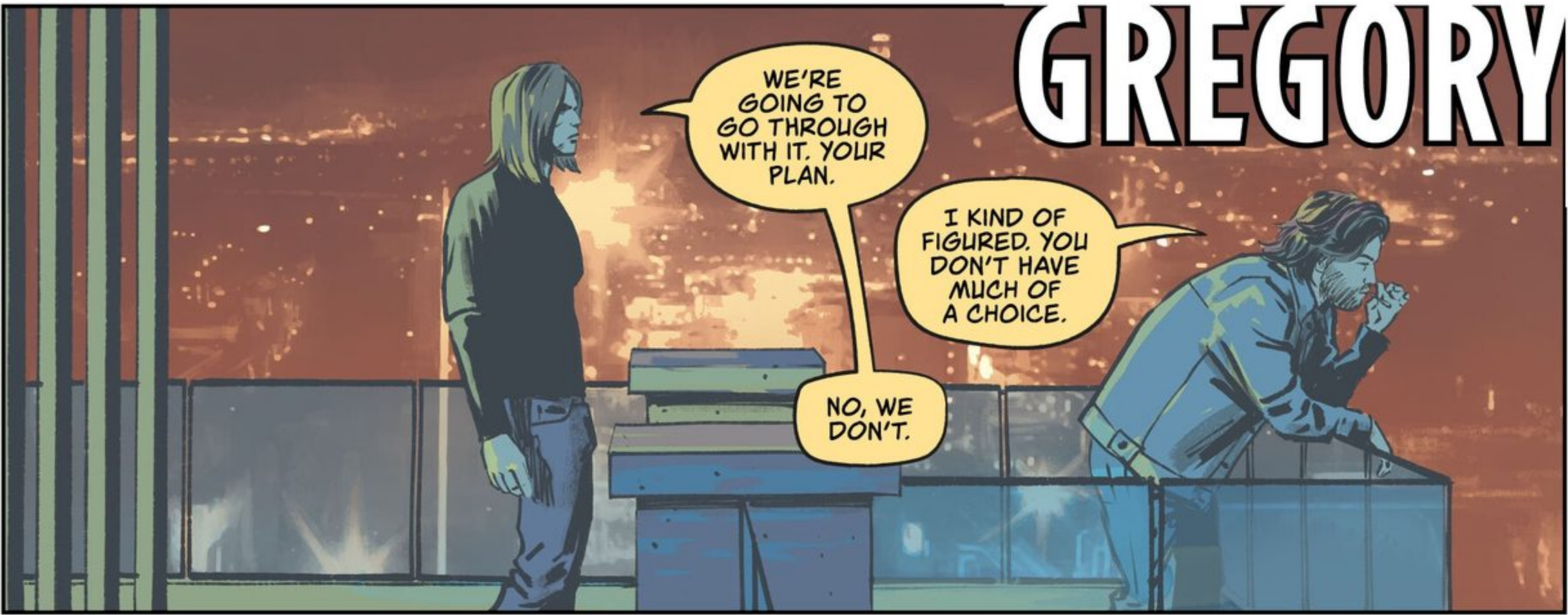
Something natural. Something that needs to happen.

WELL, YOU CAN'T. NOT WITHOUT THE INTERNET.









WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH IT. YOUR PLAN.

I KIND OF FIGURED. YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE.

NO, WE DON'T.



WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY WANT?

HOW DO YOU MEAN?



THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VEIL, CALLING OUT TO US. AND IT'S FUCKED UP AND HORRIBLE.



BUT THE WORLD AROUND US IS FUCKED UP AND HORRIBLE, TOO.



IMAGINE THE THING ON THE OTHER SIDE BREAKING THROUGH AND REACHING OUT TO US AND SEEING THE FOOTAGE FROM COLUMBINE A FEW MONTHS AGO.



WE'RE SO CONVINCED WE'RE THE BETTER WORLD, BECAUSE WHAT WE SAW WAS UGLY. BUT **WE'RE** PRETTY FUCKING UGLY, TOO.



ISN'T THAT WHY YOU GOT INTO TECHNOLOGY? TO HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD?

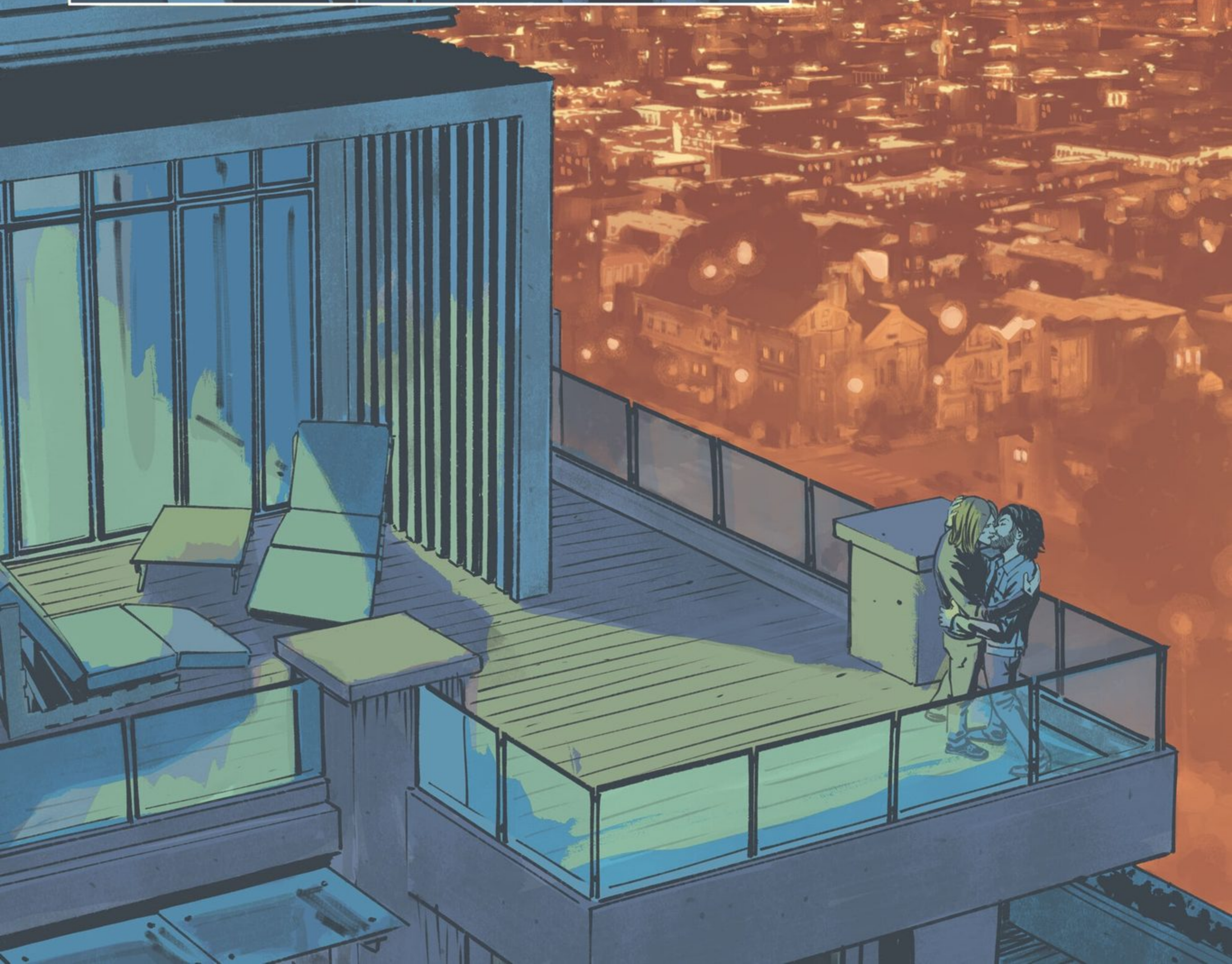


YOU DID READ THAT WIRED INTERVIEW, huh?

I'M JUST FUCKING STONED. WHERE ARE YOUR FRIENDS?



THEY'RE HEADING HOME. THEIR PARENTS GET WORRIED.





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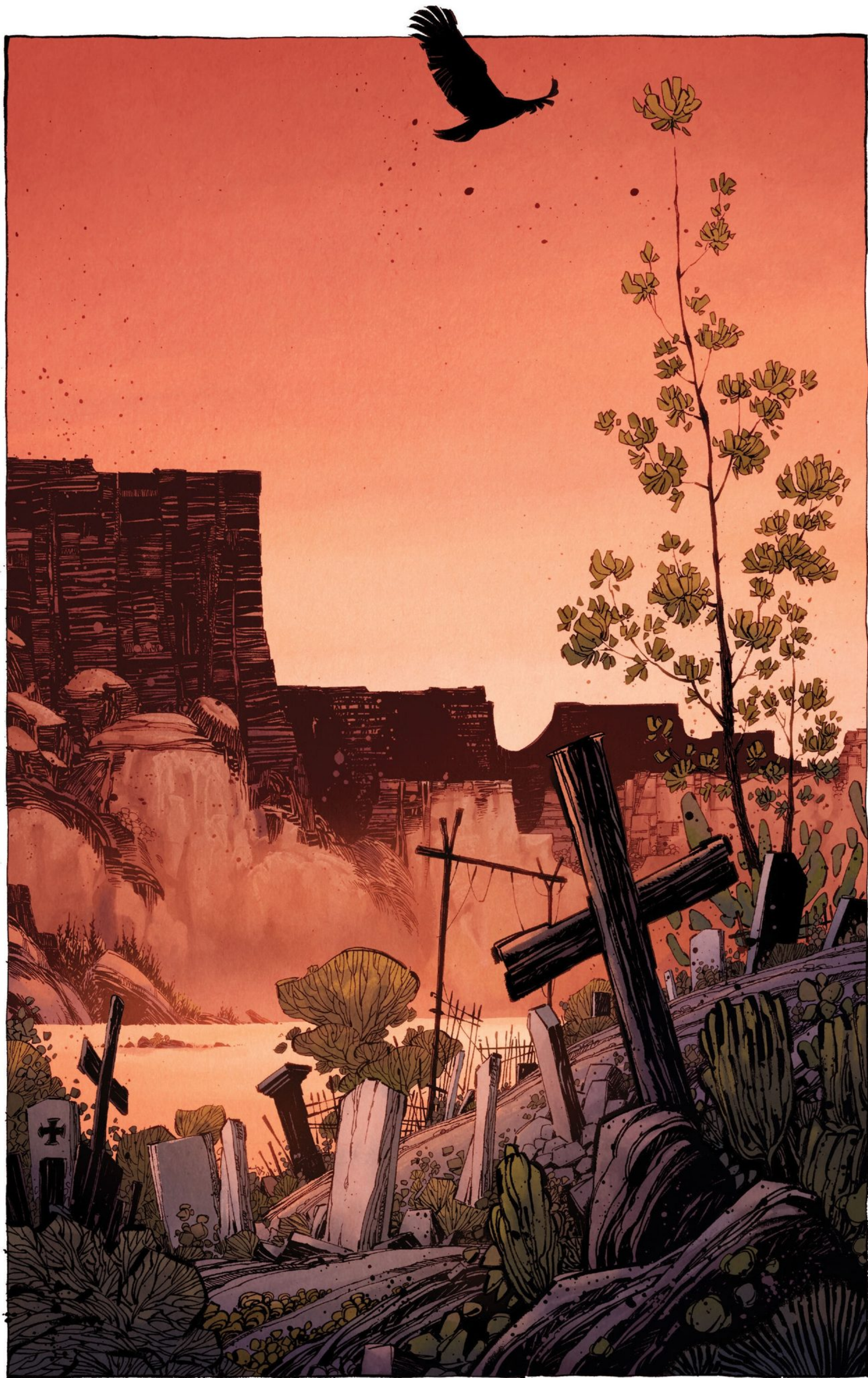
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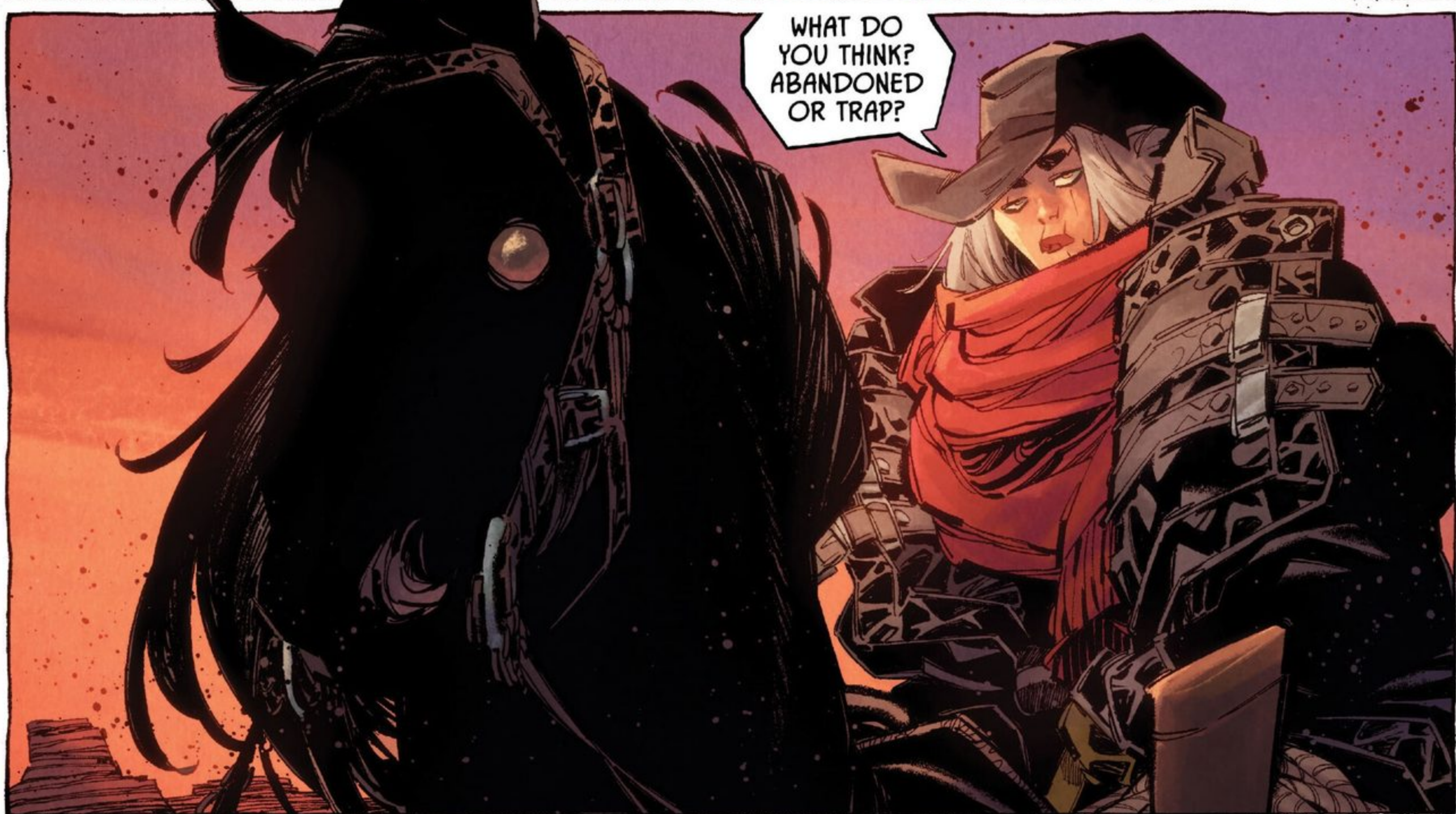


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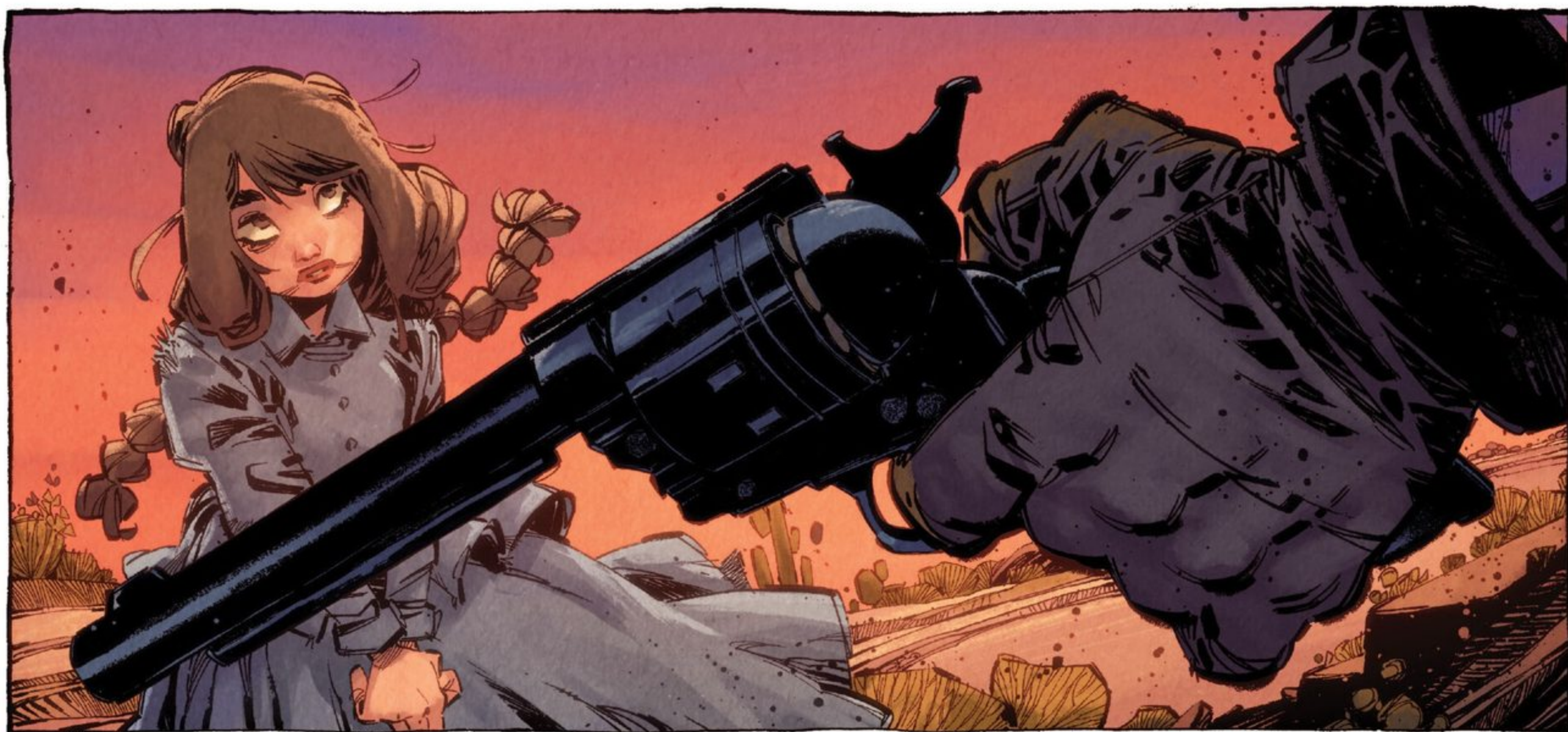
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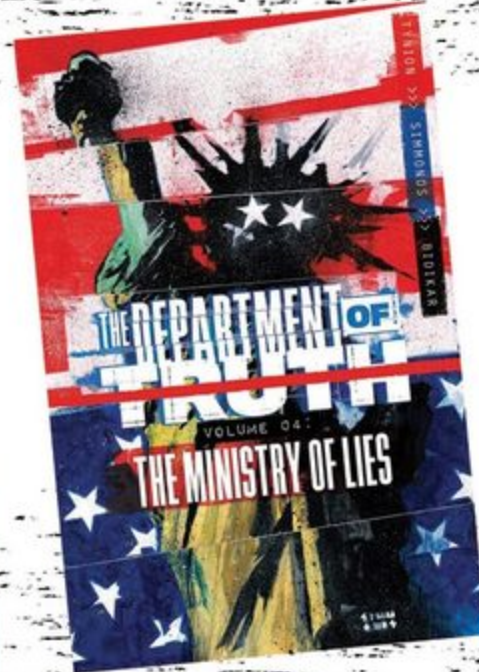
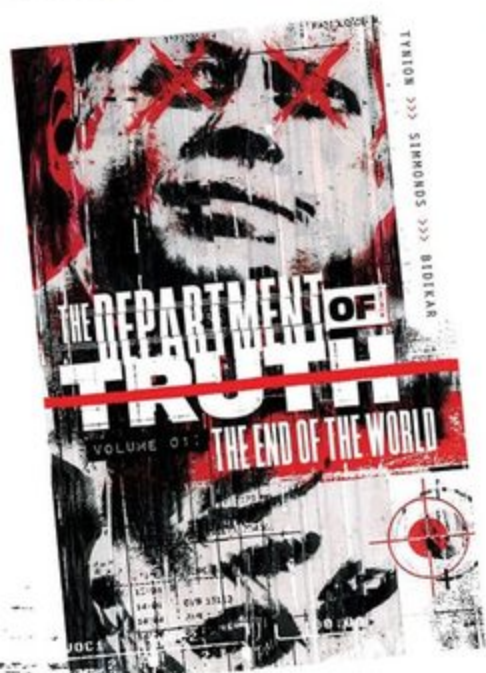


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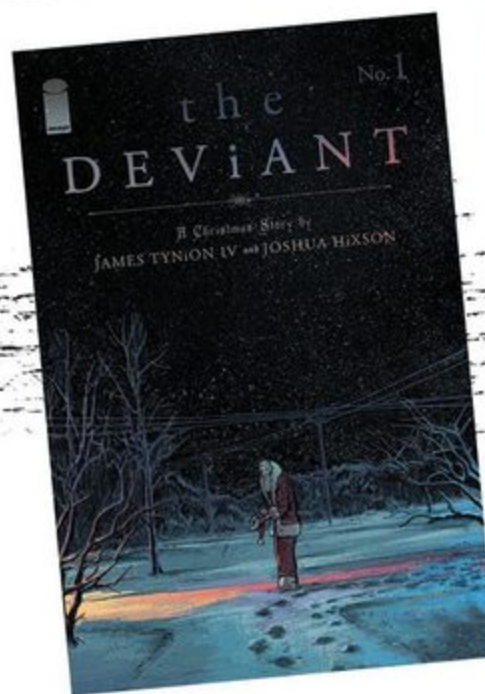
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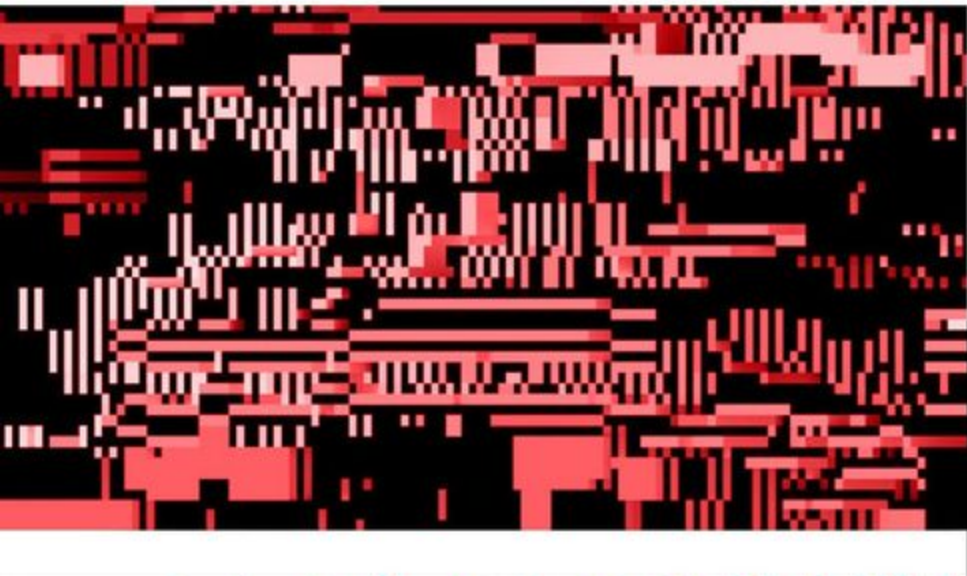
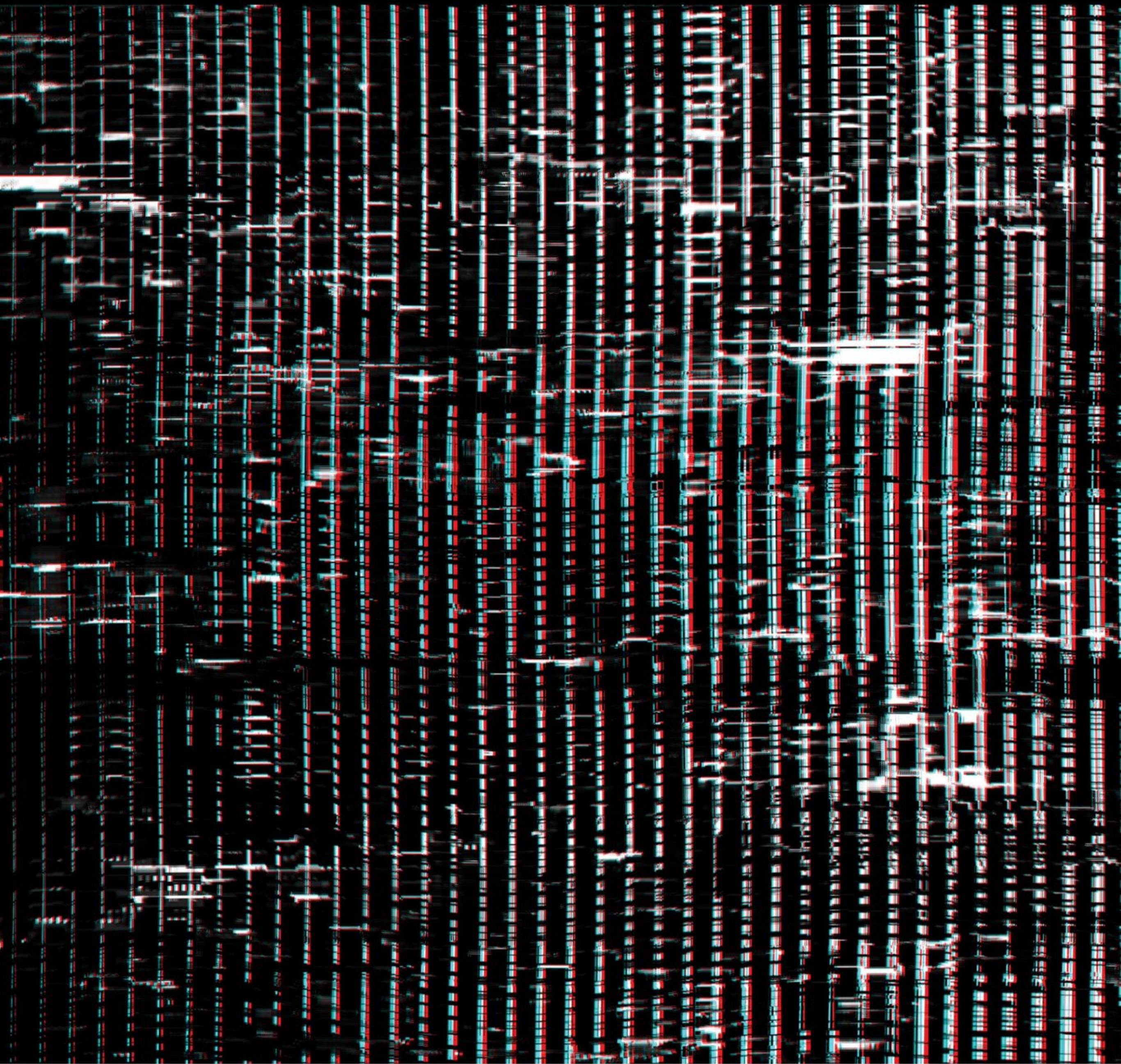


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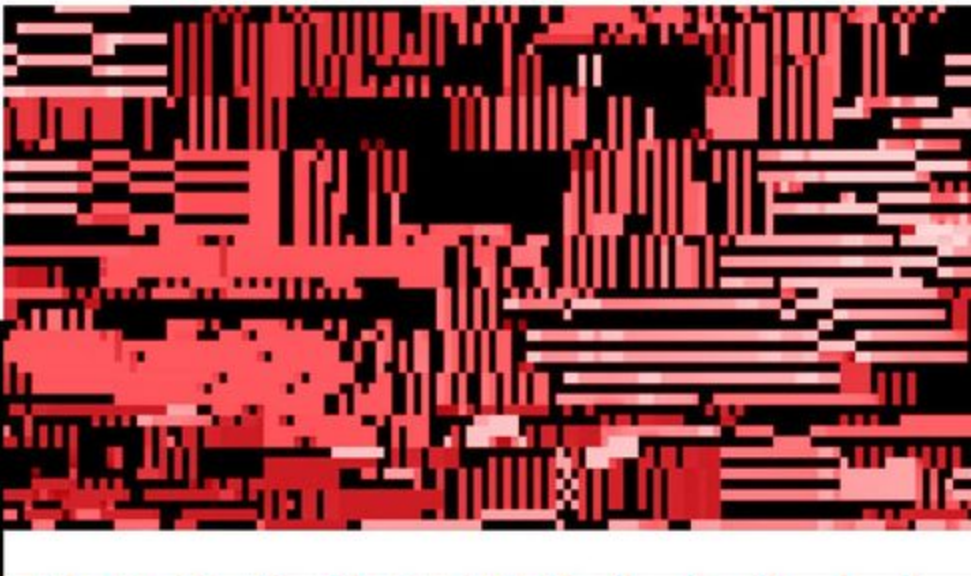
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